

City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board

Minutes for March 3, 2020

Meeting held at 7:00 pm in room 112 of the Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road, 301-397-2208

Board Members Present: Kristin Stenson, Glenn Griffiths, Oliver Gaycken, Tatiana Ausema, Effie Levner, Tom. LeaMond

Staff Liaison: Nicole DeWald

Other Attendees: Susan Brown, Robert Candey, Debra Suarez, Shaymar Higgs

Board Members Absent without prior notice: Anna Socrates, John Drago

1. Verification of quorum and call to order

- Called to order at 7:01 quorum was called. 6 members in attendance

2. Amendment/approval of the agenda

- The agenda item below was added and approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of minutes for the November 12, 2019, January 7, 2020 and February 4, 2020 meetings (K. Stenson)

- Minutes approved as amended

4. Meeting with representatives (as available) of arts-based Greenbelt Recognition Groups who are seeking basic certification – not grant funding – in FY21.

- Greenbelt Pottery Group, Representative: Debra Suarez
The Greenbelt Pottery Group is an informal group of potters that work at the Community Center. Their big event is the Empty Bowls project which is held every other year. They also participate in Festival of Lights and host in house events (Show me Sundays and Potlucks) geared towards helping Greenbelt Potters learn and grow. Each event has been led by a specific person. Currently they are working on expanding their audience and gaining more members.
- Greenbelt MakerSpace, Representatives: Susan Brown, Robert Candey
The Greenbelt MakerSpace, emphasis is primarily on tech including computer science, robotics, microelectronics, and general science. Our members are also interested in non-technical activities such as writing, knitting, crafts, and family game play. They provide space for other groups to meet: Children Summer Camps: Robotics, Coding, Creativity. They provide a space and direction for children to compete in a Lego League, This includes presentations, a project board, interacting with other teams and cooperation. Adult Groups: Knitters, Game Nights and a Thoughtful Discussion Group. Greenbelt Makerspace also provides help to other groups within the Community. They also hold a Repair Café and host a Free Mini Library. Membership is \$20.00 per year per family. Folks can still use the Maker Space even if you are not a member. They are a 501C3
- The Space “Free Art for All”, Representative: Shaymar Higgs
The Space “Free Art for All” is a free art and tech “maker space” with a focus on providing an open, therapeutic working environment. Started as a pop-up idea in September 2018, The Space has evolved into a fixture of Beltway Plaza Mall in the historic city of Greenbelt, Maryland. Offering open studio and structured workshops for

all ages as our way of providing the community with high-quality art supplies, computer technology, and professional, creative instruction. The

5. Roosevelt Center lighting: recap of meeting with Roosevelt Center Merchants Association and discussion of the draft report to Council (K. Stenson, G. Griffiths and E. Levner)

Meeting with RCM was very successful. AAB received positive feedback for this proposal during and after the meeting. The group voted unanimously to send a report to the city council.

6. Artwork for Greenbelt Municipal Building: introduction of a proposal from Kathy Karlson, Artist in Residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, to create a painting for the city; Ms. Karlson is requesting coverage of materials costs only. (N. DeWald)

- Group unanimously voted on moving the proposal to the next level.

7. May 5 arts mixer: sponsorship, guest list ideas (K. Stenson)

The board discussed the possible arts mixer sponsorship from an external organization and approved the guest list.

8. Round robin: informational announcements pertaining to Greenbelt arts, and/or suggested agenda items for future meetings.

9. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 8:30

Minutes approved by acclamation on 5/5/20