

## **CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** February 5, 2002

**To:** Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator

**From:** Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

**Subj:** Evolution of Arts Policy

I'm attaching copies of some items I turned up when looking through the records to try to respond to your question about prior approval by Council of the arts policy.

The short answer seems to be that in September 1989, Council approved policy dated May 1989, which was received by Council at a regular meeting in August 1989. And it looks as though the chronology went something like this:

- August 1987 PRAB report #10-87 was received by Council. It recommended that a task force be established for arts policy development. Council held a work session on 8-31-87, at which it was determined to establish a task force that would operate as a subcommittee of PRAB.
- March 1988 PRAB report #1-88 forwards to Council the report of the PRAB task force on arts policy (which is a draft of a policy). This was revised in a "final" version in May 1988 (that version is attached to the March PRAB report). This report recommends establishing an Arts Advisory Committee.
- Dec. 1988 Resolution #679 establishes an Arts Advisory Committee and charges the committee, among other things, with proposing to Council a formal, written arts policy. (This resolution was repealed by ordinance #1154, which established the board in 1997).
- Aug. 1989 Council receives at its 8-7-89 meeting a 7-89 report from the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Committee, which conveys a draft arts policy dated May 1989.
- Sept. 1989 On the consent agenda of the 9-11-89 regular meeting, Council approved the policy received at the 8-7-89 meeting.
- Nov. 1996 Council work session held to review the Arts Advisory Committee's request to become a board.
- Jan. 1997 Ordinance 1154 establishes the board, with the ongoing charge to review and make recommendations regarding the City's formal arts policy.