

City of Takoma Park Maryland
Arts and Humanities Commission

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

The City of Takoma Arts and Humanities Commission met on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in the Hydrangea Room of the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park.

Members Present: Chiara Atoyebi, Susan Strasser, Charlene Porter, Iva Saller, Hannah Baldwin, and Gelynn Hurt

Members Absent: Michelle Ohnona and Elizabeth Mische

Staff Present: Sara Daines, Housing and Community Development Director
Emily Cohen, Management Assistant

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by the Chair, Susan Strasser at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 23, 2014 minutes were presented. Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Minutes were adopted unanimously.

Annual Report Arts and Humanities Commission -2014

The commission discussed the annual report and asked individual commission members to think about identifying which activities they would like to possibly take through the commission in the future, and what they would be interested in doing. The commission also learned of the resignation of Janie Meneely at that time.

New Business

Discussed the success of the Holiday Art Sale and partnering with Friends of the Library and the success of bringing in Food Trucks.

Sara Daines addressed the need to revise the Commission's 2005 Cultural Plan. Agreement that strategic planning for this would begin in March.

Susan Strasser gave an update for Humanities efforts that she and Michelle Ohnona were working on. Susan and Michelle met with Historic Takoma to discuss possible ideas. Staff presented the draft Humanities Lecture Series Call for Proposals. Strasser agreed to review and send out invitations to department heads around the region.

Commission Updates

Staff has been exploring a summer concert series from June-August with food trucks. This is still in the preliminary stages.

We also discussed the Cultural Plan and forming a small committee to work on that in efforts to service the needs of the entire Takoma Park community.

Gelynn Hurt volunteered to serve on the Commemoration Committee.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Chiara Atoyebi, Co-Secretary