

City of Takoma Park Maryland  
**ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

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The City of Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission met on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in the Hydrangea Room, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park.

**Members Present:** Eric Gordon, GeylInn Hurt, M. Charlene Porter, Camilla Schaeffer, Marilyn Sklar, Susan Strasser, Elizabeth Mische, Iva Saller, Chiara Atoyebi, Hannah Baldwin

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Staff Present:** Emily Cohen, Arts Coordinator

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**1) Call to Order**

Chair Susan Strasser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2) Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the February 3 and March 31 meeting were approved.

**3) Discussion of Cultural Plan**

Commissioners continued discussion of the cultural plan process and methodology. Commissioners assigned different responsibilities to continue momentum on phase 1 research, including researching philanthropies, possible collaborations with other commissioners, a history of the arts/ humanities in Takoma Park and a directory of arts and humanities related organizations and businesses in the city. Commissioners will complete research and present at the next special meeting for the Cultural Plan in June.

**4) New Business**

a) Selection Panels – Commissioners volunteered for various selection panels for upcoming programming. Susan and Eric will help select performing arts, humanities, and film events for the 2015-2016 season. Camilla volunteered to participate in the public art RFQ review.

b) Staff Updates: Staff reported that we did not receive a grant from the Maryland Humanities Council for the lecture series. However, Council awarded money in the 2016 budget to cover honorariums for presenters. Additionally, staff discussed punting on the

summer concert series until 2017. Washington Adventist University is willing to host the concerts on their lawn.

c) Commissioners volunteered to host at various upcoming We Are Takoma events, through June.

d) Staff encouraged commissioners to recruit others to serve on the AHC – space for up to 15 members. Some members' terms are expiring in June including Hannah Baldwin, Chiara Atoyebi and Iva Saller. Iva and Chiara expressed interest in continuing their service.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned.