

ORDINANCE NO. 4920

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article K (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS), Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article K, Chapter 4, all of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained by the amendment of Sections 2-4-90 and 2-4-91, to read as follows.

Sec. 2-4-90 Creation, composition and organization.

- (a) There is hereby established a standing commission known as the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.
- (b) The commission shall consist of 16 members to be appointed by the City Council. The composition of the commission shall be as follows:
  - ~~(1) five members shall have expertise in the arts, either as practitioners of various art disciplines or as professional administrators working in the field;~~
  - (1) four member shall have expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working in the arts;
  - (2) three members shall have specific expertise in visual arts either as professional practitioners of visual art, curators of visual art, or as professional arts administrators currently working in the field;
  - (3) ~~five~~ three members shall represent the public at large, as arts consumers ~~and or~~ participants;
  - (4) ~~five~~ three members shall ~~represent~~ be professionals in fields relevant ~~arts, educational or business expertise relative to arts and cultural development, including such perspectives~~ cultural planning, marketing, finance, funding, tourism, promotion, and non profit organizational development, and real estate development;
  - (5) two members shall be professionals in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design; and
  - (6) one member shall be a student who resides in the City and attends a high school located in the City of Alexandria.

- (c) Members of the commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by article A of this chapter. The members shall serve for a term of three years, except in the case of an appointment to fill the unexpired portion of a term.

Sec. 2-4-91 Function; powers; duties.

- (a) The functions of the Commission shall be as follows:

- ~~(1) to support the development and expansion of the arts and the expansion of public access to and participation in the arts, in Alexandria;~~
  - ~~(2) to serve as an advisory body for the arts in Alexandria;~~
  - ~~(3) to advise the city council concerning appropriate policies that will strengthen the arts and further public access to the arts in Alexandria;~~
  - ~~(4) to serve as the single funding source for all activities concerning arts which are not conducted as part of the regularly scheduled city program, including:
    - ~~(a) the establishment and periodic review of criteria and standards for grant applications for city funds and accountability for the use of such funds, and~~
    - ~~(b) the allocation to particular arts activities from such funds as may be appropriated from time to time by the city council for such purpose;~~~~
  - ~~(5) to seek national, state and private support on behalf of the arts in Alexandria, and~~
  - ~~(6) to prepare and submit to city council a cultural plan for the City of Alexandria and revisions thereto.~~
- (1) to advise City Council with regard to policies that will strengthen the arts and further public access to the arts and cultural matters identified by the City Council;
  - (2) to establish and periodically review criteria and standards for arts grant applications for City funds and accountability for the use of such funds; the allocation from such funds to eligible organizations and activities as may be appropriated by the City Council for such purpose;
  - (3) to review the public art annual work plan as developed by the Office of the Arts and a work plan task force and make recommendations to the City Council as part of the budget process;
  - (4) to review and approve public art project plans for specific public art projects, and to review and approve artist selection and concept development;
  - (5) to create committees and task forces, as necessary, to focus on public art project development and artist selection;
  - (6) to review proposals for donations of public art and commemorative art and make recommendations to the City Council;
  - (7) to collaborate with the Office of the Arts on public art project evaluations; and
  - (8) to support public communication and outreach as related to the arts and;
  - (9) to serve as citizen liasons to City planning initiatives when public art is involved.

(b) The commission is empowered to adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure and other matters so long as the same are not inconsistent with the city code, including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees, through w to carry on its functions and purpose.

(c) A commission chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the commission members at the organization meeting designated in the commission's bylaws.

~~(d) The commission shall hold at least 10 regular meetings each year, and as many special meetings as the commission may deem advisable.~~

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE  
Mayor

Final Passage: January 24, 2015