

Laurel Arts Council Meeting Agenda – Jan 14, 2025

at 6:30pm (in person)

now reachable as LaurelArtsCouncil@gmail.com

Preliminaries

1. Take Roll:
2. Determine Quorum:
3. VOTE: Approval of December Minutes:
4. Updates on Membership & New Applicants:

Agenda:

1. News from City Government – Bill (DPR), Naomi (ECD)
2. Trash can painting update – Melissa
 - McCullough/Sturgis-Moore: resume when weather warms
Question: Contract with designer Carla Conway to complete 5 remaining cans?
3. Traffic box wrap update, issues – Bharati, Ella
 - Bharati completed Call for Artists -> **Question:** raise honorarium \$300 -> \$350?
 - **Add** map + template to distribute with Call. Have mailing list (Google Drive).
4. Schools – Melissa – no new updates, meet with Scotchtown Hills next week on playground mural
5. Preakness Art Contest – Melissa
 - Laurel Art Guild (LAG) teaming w/ LAC on local Preakness art contest. LAG Pres. Ephrain Montanez will help with advertising, submission portal, fee processing, judges.
 - Why it's good: LAG long experience with art contests, have needed infrastructure. LAG membership covers 4 counties incl. Anne Arundel, which is managing the Preakness. Cements ongoing LAC-LAG partnership.
 - Laurel Emergency Mgr Crissy Cornwall, through Bill, is our liaison to Preakness planning.
 - Audra Madison, Director of Marketing for Maryland Racing, is ultimate POC.
6. Poems in Parks – Jennifer
 - Jennifer will conduct poetry workshop (Apr 11) and is curator for poem to be installed Riverfront Park (Apr 18)
 - Cheryl reserved pool mtg room for workshop and park pavilion for installation
 - Poet Michael Glaser's family gave permission to use his poem "Trees"
 - Glaser was nationally acclaimed poet and former Maryland Poet Laureate
7. Farmer's Market Music – Sandy
8. Upcoming events – Black History Month - Feb? Main Street Festival - May?

Next Meeting: February 11, 2025 (virtual)

FY26 Budget Revised:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Box wraps (3) | <u>\$4500</u> |
| Trashcan sealant | <u>\$250</u> |
| Poetry sign & supplies | \$550 |
| 2 ESs (Scotchtown, Laurel) | \$1000 |
| Laurel HS, | <u>\$500?</u> |
| Swag & misc for LAC | \$300 |
| Art supplies | \$400 |
| Farmer's Market music | \$4320 (Michele Blair) -> 1/3 of our budget |
| Main St Festival artists | \$2500 -> \$2000 |
| Selborne House art expo | <u>\$150</u> |