

# Laurel Arts Council Meeting Agenda – May 13, 2026

at 6:30pm (in person)

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## Preliminaries

1. Take Roll: Melissa, Mel, Jennifer, Marty, Angie (phone), Francesca (phone)
2. Determine Quorum: Yes
3. VOTE: Approval of March Minutes, Glance at April notes – We approved the March minutes
4. Updates Membership & New Applicants (non-attending members?) – at next meeting let's look at non-attending members

## Agenda:

1. News from City Government – Bill (DPR), Naomi (ECD)
  - Preakness paint and sip on May 13
  - Movie night on May 12
  - Music on Main was May 8
  - Preakness theme was Saddle Up Laurel
  - Laurel won award for having most volunteers and collecting most trash on April Cleanup(s) of Lake and Riverfront park
  - **Funding Policy** – city-funded public art requires (prefers?) public property (in response to question about Food Lion as site of an LAC mural)
2. Main Street Festival – how did it go?
  - Main Street festival was a success
  - We had lots of people interested in volunteering and a constant stream of people at booth
  - Volunteers were: Sandy, Francesca, Jennifer, Rubama, Jonathan, Ella, April
3. Preakness-themed Art Contest
  - Evaluation – Ella, Francesca, Matty,
  - Exhibit – Mel, Angie, Bharati
    - Art can be seen in lobby of Municipal Building throughout month of May
4. Traffic Box Wrap Art Contest – Mel, Bharati, Inka
  - Have 31 entries
  - Very close to making a decision
  - Need a new quote for boxes
  - Locations will be:
    - Van Dusen and Cherry
    - 4<sup>th</sup> and Cherry
    - End of Main Street underneath bridge past Marc station

5. Schools – Mel

- Laurel High poetry workshop Apr 14 – how did it go?
  - Workshop went well. Former PG county poet Laureate Dr Khadijah Ali-Coleman conducted workshop
  - Not sure if we'll have another book created like last year
- Scotchtown Hills playground mural – Mel
  - Will pay \$1K in this fiscal year for Megan (who did the monarch mural) to start work and \$1k next fiscal year to finish
  - Megan will start on May 18
  - Matthew will help if given enough notice

6. Maryland Public TV film showing – Jennifer

- Waiting on info from MPT
- If they don't send marketing and other materials within a few days, Jennifer may decide not to move forward and wait until next year

7. Social Media – Ella –

- need to know who will manage social media
- Can we post on IG?
- Can we get one of the people who asked about volunteering to manage our social accounts

8. Farmer's Market Music – Sandy, Melissa M –

- Still haven't heard back but Melissa sent an email. Naomi is going to talk to our contact to get more info
- Need signage to say music sponsored by Laurel Arts Council

9. Multicultural Festival – September festival –

- More discussion needed after getting clear understanding of their needs. We may be able to help fund an act but we cannot just give them \$.

10. Other items?

- Mel not returning as council member after her term ends in Nov.
- Need to vote on officers at June meeting
- The poetry workshop and installation were successful. The installation was well attended and Michael Glaser's son and family came to represent Michael and read the poem.
- For the poetry workshop, Jennifer worked with the Laurel Historical Society to get photos to inspire participants and has asked Jennifer to if she's be willing to do another workshop for them
- Financial disclosures were filled out on time
- Think about onboarding for new members

**Next Meeting:** July 8, 2026 (virtual)