



Prince William County Arts Council Meeting Agenda

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 6:30PM

Location: 1 County Plaza, McCoart Building

1. Call to Order

Welcome and Opening Remarks

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

3. Presentation

John Blevins – Overview and Clarification of the Arts Council Charter

4. Reports

Chairperson's Report – Updates on meetings with County Supervisors, Arts Alive Look Book, Inside NoVA feature, and ongoing initiatives.

Arts in Education Report – Updates on educational programming and school partnerships.

Programs Report – Arts in the Parks. Extended discussion on Arts Alive 2025.

5. Old Business

Review of any outstanding items from prior meetings.

6. New Business

Open floor for new initiatives, proposals, and upcoming opportunities.

7. Announcements/Open Forum

Upcoming events, deadlines, and calls for participation.

- Member questions not previously submitted (*Questions will be recorded and will be answered at the Chair's discretion. Unanswered question will be addressed at the next meeting*)

8. Adjournment

Officer/Committee Reports

**Committee/Chair Name:**

Chair, Prince William County Arts Council

Submitted by:

Carylee Carrington

1. Summary of Activities Since Last Report:

Over the past month, I have had the opportunity to meet with three of our County Supervisors to share my vision for the future of the Arts Council. Additional meetings are scheduled throughout the remainder of the month, ensuring that each Supervisor is fully engaged and informed about our work, our goals, and the role the Arts Council plays in enhancing the cultural vibrancy of Prince William County.

In preparation for Arts Alive, I have completed a Look Book that provides audiences with a preview of the artists, performers, and vendors who will be participating in this year's event. This tool not only showcases the depth of talent within our community but also serves as a meaningful promotional resource. Additionally, Inside NoVA will be running an article highlighting Arts Alive, further amplifying our visibility and ensuring that the community knows about this annual celebration of the arts.

While we continue to face challenges, I encourage all of us to remain focused on the goals of the Arts Council and the broader arts community we serve. The strength of this Council lies in our shared commitment to supporting, elevating, and sustaining the arts in Prince William County.

2. Current Initiatives in Progress:

As Chairperson, it is my responsibility to:

- Preside over Arts Council meetings and maintain order.
- Represent the Arts Council before the Board of County Supervisors and in the community.
- Ensure proper communication and coordination with County staff, including the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).
- Provide leadership in advancing the mission of the Arts Council.
- Uphold the Charter and Handbook as it stands, established by this body.

3. Goals for the Arts Council:

As we continue to grow, I want to outline a few of the key priorities I will be focusing on as Chair:



- **Strengthening Representation:** Appointees will be encouraged to engage more directly with their Supervisors by attending at least one Arts Council member event within their district and contributing a written reflection for the Arts Magazine.
- **Expanding Visibility:** Building on the success of Arts Alive, I aim to expand this into a **two-day arts festival** that draws residents and visitors alike, making Prince William County a true destination for the arts.
- **Membership Growth & Engagement:** We will continue to welcome artists and organizations into the Arts Council, providing them with platforms like the Arts Magazine, Membership Mondays, and social media highlights.
- **Partnerships & Community Integration:** We will strengthen partnerships with schools, libraries, and community organizations to ensure that the arts are accessible and visible in every part of our county.

I remain committed to fulfilling these responsibilities with integrity, transparency, and dedication, and I ask for your continued support in moving the Arts Council forward together.

4. Challenges or Support Needed:

- Some resistance to procedural changes has been noted; support from all members to embrace these changes will be critical.
- Assistance in identifying additional artists and community leaders to grow membership and expand programming.
- Continued cooperation from officers and committee chairs to submit timely reports and maintain transparent communication.

5. Additional Notes or Announcements:

TBD

Committee/Chair Name:

Arts in Education

Submitted by:

Susan Dommer



1. Summary of Activities Since Last Report:

With the vote of the Arts Council Board, I have been working with Kelly Glyptis to set up visits with the 14 High Schools in PWC, Manassas and Manassas Park Schools. Janet requires the dates and times of each visit be placed on her contract, so we are in the midst of updating.

2. Current Initiatives in Progress:

We are planning 5 Elementary School Visits for Kid Pan Alley, also voted on by the Arts Council Board. Manassas Park City Schools Cougar Music and Art Teachers have declined our invitation for this year, which opens up 2 slots in November and 3 in the Spring. We are working with Cheryl Reisler of Kid Pan Alley to formalize the Fall and Spring Sessions.

3. Goals for the Next Quarter:

We will be working on the Viola Masterclass for High School Students to see how this format might work for future instruments in both high school and middle school.

4. Challenges or Support Needed:

Arts Council Members are invited to visit during our initiatives and dates will be shared as they become available.

Committee/Chair Name:

Programs

Submitted By:



Dawne Horizons

1. Summary of Activities Since Last Report

Arts in the park

We will be collaborating with the Neabsco district at Cloverdale Park on October 18. Arts Council will be providing various members to perform songs, Poetry, Spoken Word and the band. We will also have a face painter. Flyers will be coming out by the end of next week. They will put the Arts Council logo on the flyer.

Neabsco district will be providing food and refreshments as well as bounce houses for the children. They will also be vendors like the Library and the Police Dept and a few other community outreach services.

2. Current Initiatives in Progress:

Arts Alive is almost here!

There was a mistake on the flyers. The Spanish side said Saturday instead of Sunday we got that corrected.

The food trucks are confirmed and ready to serve.

We have 13 youth volunteers to help people find where they need to go at the Hylton. Peter will be meeting them in the morning for a briefing and to give them a tour.

We have a full inventory for the Arts Council table. We need volunteers to help at the table in 2hr increments. The Arts council members and volunteers will hand out giveaway items to the Attendees.