

Arts Council of Fairfax County

MAP TASK FORCE SUPERVISOR MEETINGS

August 21, 2012 Notes from Meeting with Supervisor Penny Gross:

Attending from the Task Force: Joe Ritchey, Leila Gordon, Co-Chairs; Jo Hodgins, Michael Caplin, John Mason, Doug Sanderson, Linda Sullivan, and John Thillmann
Supervisor Penny Gross
Staff: Lisa Mariam

Mason District Growth Areas

Baileys Crossroads redevelopment is still a few years off and an art center is in that plan.
A Seven Corners task force is to be appointed.
Annandale has a multicultural center on the list.

Mason District Park outdoor venue has low turnout and Supervisor Gross questioned how to engage younger audiences and students in the programming.

Indoor venue with stage capacity for dance including 500-600 seats is needed. Gallery space is also needed.

FCPS Use

- 53% of the budget goes to FCPS and they are open 180 days of the year.
- New FCPS Superintendent could be influential in developing access-friendly policies for arts users.
- Bonds for school renovations could add a requirement that schools provide opportunities for art performances.
- Co-location is a possibility with separate entrances to theatres attached to middle or high schools.

Who should be included in the Mason Community Engagement Process?

Penny suggested Caroline Warren (BalletNova), Jeff Dannick (JCC), Lake Barcroft, Lee Blvd Heights/Stonehouse, Sy Weingrovitz, Green Spring Gardens, Goodwin House, Dan and Julie Clemente.

Supervisor Gross and her staff were asked to put together a "Mason District Leaders" list (from all community segments.)

Other members of the Board of Supervisors need to be educated that arts (including both temporal and permanent aspects) play a key role in place-making. The arts and overall architecture/design of great places to live are closely related. The arts can't be an afterthought for great communities.