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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2015

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, ACTING CITY MANAGER /s/

DOCKET TITLE:

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Revise the Alexandria Commission for the Arts as Outlined in the Public Art Policy and the Public Art Implementation Plan.

ISSUE: Review the revised ordinance for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts as outlined in the Public Art Policy and the Public Art Implementation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council introduce the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing and final adoption on January 24, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

On December 13, 2014 City Council approved the Public Art Policy and the Public Art Implementation Plan.

The new policy outlines a new structure and expanded roles and responsibilities for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts to incorporate responsibilities and Commissioner expertise that had belonged to the Public Art Committee and its members.

The revised ordinance reflects the structure outlined in the new Public Art Policy and the Public Art Implementation Plan.

At their September, 2014 meetings the Public Art Committee and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts voted to support the revised Alexandria Commission for the Arts Ordinance and incorporating members of the Public Art Committee onto the Commission.

TRANSITION:

Existing members of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Public Art Committee will be reclassified into the new categories and areas of expertise outlined in the policy.

In accordance with City policy, four vacancies for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts will be posted for the existing Public Art Committee members to apply. This will temporarily increase the Commission membership from 16 to 18.

Through attrition, the Commission expects to be in alignment with the new policy within two years.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Ordinance Cover for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Attachment 2: Revised Ordinance for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Attachment 3: Proposed ACA Roster

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