Board of Directors Meeting
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc.

Date/Time: July 8, 2026, 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom

In Attendance: Mona Kishore (Chair), Michael Belisle, Meryl Bloomrosen, Elizabeth Blumenfeld, Mary Coller Albert, Dia Costello, Swati Gupta, Dan Hanlon, Heather Hanson-Rivas, Randi Marquez, Barbara Martin, Theresa Nielson, Lafe Solomon, Jonathan Sterlin, Mike Zangwill, Warren Hansen (for Andrew Friedson ex officio), Ken Hartman Espada (ex officio)
Absent: Latonya Graham,Gitika Kaul, Tisha Thompson,
Guest: Gregory Grant, General Counsel-Shulman Rogers
Staff: Katey Boerner, Jenni Cloud, Kathleen Duffy, Ama Mills-Robertson, Emily Rogers, Susan Gerstenzang

Board President Mona Kishore called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Call to Order & Introductions (Kishore)
   - After introductions, Mona thanked Dan Hanlon for his work on playground RFP; Tisha Thompson for her continued work on the playground; and Board Governance committee members for interviewing County candidates for the Board.

2. Approval of Minutes (Solomon)
   - **Board members voted unanimously to approve the June 10, 2026 minutes as written.** (Minutes 2026-06-10)

3. Financial Report (Boerner for Hanlon)
   - The financial statements ending May 31, 2026, were reviewed. They remain on track and continue to follow the budget. The $122k of Receivables includes County ($50k), the Puppet Co. ($50k), and balances from Aquarium and Washington Conservatory. Net Income is close to break even and year end forecasts show an expected loss largely from the launch of the central box office and associated expenses. The new fiscal year started on July 1 and the FY26 audit will start in the fall.

4. Board Governance Report (Gupta for Hanson-Rivas)
   - County Appointment Update - The committee interviewed 7 applicants and sent its ranked order recommendations to the County. A decision by the County is expected in August or September. After the appointment is made, the committee may approach some candidates about future regular at-large seats.
   - New Board Member Orientation/Onboarding - New board members have been assigned “buddies” who will plan a summer meet-up to answer questions and serve as a resource. Orientation will take place in the fall.

5. President’s Report (Kishore)
   - FY27 Board Work and Priorities - Mona laid out the FY27 priorities developed from the end of year board evaluation and long range plan. They are: 1) action steps towards strategic plan focusing on the intermediate 3-5 time frame, 2) continued momentum on facility projects (Spanish Ballroom, Environmental Assessment, and Crystal Pool), 3) advocacy by all board

members at both the County and Federal level, 4) continuous donor relations -both cultivating new donors and retaining current donors, and 5) increasing visibility and community outreach to a larger base by promoting existing programming.
- Committees - Assignments will balance aligning expertise, skills, and passion with the committee needs of the board. Board members generally serve on 2 committees each year. Committee membership is reviewed at the end of each year.
- Annual Board Forms - Board member expectations were reviewed and Mona stressed that all board members should volunteer for at least two events during the year. Docusign packets will be sent this week and include the annual Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics.

6. CEO & Staff Reports (Boerner & Staff)
   - Staffing: Facilities Manager, Trevor Gordon, has taken another position. An interim plan is in place to backfill him while a long-term decision is made regarding the position.
   - The Puppet Co has a significant debt to the Partnership and missed several rent payments in the last few months, despite rent being discounted heavily under a temporary arrangement. They did make a recent catch up payment for June. We will need a new arrangement for their use of the space soon that includes potentially sharing the space with another tenant.
   - Pylons have been repaired, but the neon repair will wait until after camps are completed.
   - Staff shared their reports and reviewed upcoming events.

7. Breakout Groups - New Board Members Meet-N-Greet - Attendees were divided into three groups to discuss what they like about the Park and what contributions they can bring.

8. Old Business/New Business - none

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 7 pm (in-person)

Board of Directors Meeting
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc.
Date/Time: September 16, 2026, 7:00 PM
Location: Glen Echo Park Arcade Building

In Attendance: *Mona Kishore (Chair), Michael Belisle, Meryl Bloomrosen, Liz Blumenfeld, Dia Costello, Mary Coller Albert, Swati Gupta, Latonya Graham, Dan Hanlon, Heather Hanson-Rivas, Gitika Kaul, Randi Marquez, Lafe Solomon, Jonathan Sterlin, Tisha Thompson, Moss Tuovinen, Warren Hansen (for Andrew Friedson ex officio)*
Absent: *Barbara Martin, Theresa Nielson, Mike Zangwill, Ken Hartman Espada (ex officio)*
Guest: *Rose Talbot (Board Member & Interim Director, the Puppet Co.)*
Staff: *Katey Boerner, Jenni Cloud, Ama Mills-Robertson, Emily Rogers*

Board President Mona Kishore called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

1. Introduction (Kishore)
   - New board members Liz Blumenfeld, Mary Coller Albert, Randi Marquez, and Moss Tuovinen were introduced.
   - Mona thanked Tisha Thompson and Dan Hanlon for work on proposals related to the playground; Mary Coller Albert for helping with August Art Walk; Liz Blumfeld for helping with summer concerts; and all who participated in any way in the Labor Day Art Show.

2. Approval of Minutes (Solomon)
   - **The Board voted unanimously to approve the July 8, 2026 board meeting minutes as written.** (Minutes 2026-07-08)

3. Financial Reports (Hanlon)
   - The financial statements for June and July were reviewed. They show we continue to break even while also growing.
   - The audit firm is planning to conduct the audit next month.
   - **The Board voted unanimously to open a new account with Schwab.** (Schwab Account resolution)

4. President's Report (Kishore)
   - The board reviewed the Partnership's mission and vision followed by a discussion of the FY27 areas of focus: Glen Echo Park as a "destination," a premiere arts center; diversity & access (i.e. attracting a diverse audience and being welcoming and inclusive); sustainability throughout the Park; and innovation in programs/operations.
   - The FY27 committees and the FY27 Strategic and Committee Priorities were also presented.
   - Board members were asked to be active board participants through advocacy, strategic planning, community engagement, gala participation, in-kind resources, and seeking contributions.

5. Brainstorm: Government Relations (Boerner/Kishore)
   - County Level - The board discussed the anticipated changes in County leadership including a new County Executive and many new council members, including the representative for District 1.
   - State Level - Many of the state representatives are anticipated to stay in office.
   - Federal/NPS Level - No changes are anticipated in Federal representation or project statuses.

6. Executive Session (Staff and guests left the room).

7. CEO and Staff Reports (Boerner)
   - The Labor Day Art Show featured over 500 regional artists this year and generated over $82K in gross art sales, exceeding last year's sales. (The Partnership retains 30% of the sales.)
   - Staff shared their reports and reviewed upcoming events.

8. Old Business/New Business – none

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 7 pm (on Zoom)