

Board of Directors Meeting
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc.
Date/Time: July 9, 2025, 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom

In Attendance: Mona Kishore (*Chair*), Meryl Bloomrosen, Heather Hanson-Rivas, Ronda Keys, Jason Light, Barbara Martin, Theresa Nielson, Chhandasi Pandya Patel, Samir Paul, Lafe Solomon, Tisha Thompson, Warren Hansen (*for Andrew Friedson (ex-officio)*), Ken Hartman Espada (*ex-officio*)

Absent: Philip Bay, Dia Costello, Sharon Freeman, Chris Fromboluti, Swati Gupta, Mike Zangwill

Guest: Greg Grant

Staff: Katey Boerner, Jenni Cloud, Kathleen Duffy, Ama Mills-Robertson, Emily Rogers

Board President Mona Kishore called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and welcomed the newly appointed board members Chhandasi Pandya Patel and Jason Light.

1. Approval of Minutes (Hanson-Rivas)
 - **The Board voted unanimously to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes as written.**
(*Minutes 2025-06-11*)
 2. Finance Committee (Paul)
 - FY25 numbers are being finalized and there will be a year end report at the next meeting.
 3. President's Report (Kishore)
 - FY26 Work and Priorities - The Executive Committee reviewed the end of year board survey results and will incorporate the input into the FY26 goals which will include advocacy at all levels of government, fundraising & development, and recruitment and education of the board.
 - Committees - Discussions regarding committee chairs and membership have started and will be completed before the end of summer.
 - Annual Board Forms - Mona reminded the board to complete the forms if they have not done so.
 4. Board Governance (Kishore for Neilson)
 - Election of New Board Members – The committee recommended adding Michael Belisle as an at-large board member effective July 10, 2025 for 2 year terms.
The board unanimously approved electing the proposed new board member.
(*Board Governance Report 2025-07-09*)
 - County Appointment Update - Applicants were interviewed last month and recommendations have been forwarded to the County Executive.
 5. CEO & Staff Reports (Boerner)
 - Facade - A portion of the facade below the art deco sign came down last Sunday. The structure is a replica of the 1950's sign installed in 2003. Its function is primarily cosmetic. Assessment and plans to repair the sign are underway with the County and NPS.
 - Spanish Ballroom - To move the project forward the NPS deferred maintenance (approximately \$2M) will likely be decoupled from the project. Assuming there is funding, this will allow the County to lead the remainder of the project which has been slowed due to federal cuts.
 - Clara Barton Historic Site - The design work is complete but there is no construction start date.
 - Katey thanked the County for filling potholes on Road A.
 - Burglaries - A theft occurred during gallery hours and in a separate incident a purse was stolen from the Arcade building. The US Park Police are following up.
 - Ama Mills-Robertson shared highlights of the June 28 Heritage Days event and summer camps. She also reviewed upcoming events including the Labor Day Art Show:
 6. Old Business/New Business - None
- Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm

Next Meeting: September 10, 2025, 7pm (Arcade Building)

Upcoming Events: Art Walk - Friday, Aug 1, 6pm
Summer Concerts - Thursdays through Aug 21, 7pm
Labor Day Art Show Opening - Fri, Aug 29, 6-9pm
Labor Day Art Show - Sat-Mon, Aug 30-Sep 1, 12-6pm