

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Transcription of the Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 1:00pm
Video Conference

Meeting called to order at 1:02pm.

Full attendance listed in the meeting minutes.

Charlie Whitaker: Welcome to the Building Committee, and I would call the meeting to order. In accordance with the requirements for electronic meetings under the Freedom of Information Act, the minutes and transcript of this electronic meeting will be posted. And I understand, in accordance with the requirements for virtual meetings, we offered a public comment period and there were no requests for public comments. So we will proceed. The first order of business would be to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 12, 2021 meeting. They have been distributed. Can I have a motion to approve them?

Jay Olander: I will make that motion.

Charlie Whitaker: I think Jay makes that motion. Do I have a second?

Pamela Royal: Second, that is Pam Royal.

Charlie Whitaker: Pam Royal. All in favor say Aye.

Committee Members: Aye.

Charlie Whitaker: Any nays? Alright, minutes are approved. Cindy Norwood, would you take us through the public agency reminders?

Cindy Norwood: I just want to remind everyone that anything that you learn during a closed session, please do not share it with anyone else. It is absolutely mandatory that you not share any documents or anything else that you learn during a closed session. That is why it is a closed session, because it is to be kept among ourselves. That means anyone. I always tell people do not even share with a pet. Please remember that. Also do not forget when you are talking to someone about VMFA business, you cannot talk to more than one Trustee at a time. Those of you who are Trustees please ensure that no more than one other Trustee is involved, whether it is an email, whether it is on social media, regardless of what it is, on the phone, at a cocktail party. Some people ask, "Does that mean that I cannot go to a cocktail party with a bunch of other Trustees?" Well, surely not. You can go to a cocktail party. If you are talking about the business of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and then another trustee walks up, you stop talking about that business and you go to something that is not Virginia Museum of Fine Arts business. Please remember all that. It is very important that information regarding this, the building expansion does not get out. We can have a lot of problems with that. It could cause lawsuits, and you really just do not want to go there. If you ever have any

questions, do not hesitate. I am always here for you. I think the staff will let you know; Alex, Michael, Caprice, Stephen and Hossein. They all have my cell phone number, so whenever you have any issues, I am here for you. Thank you.

Charlie Whitaker: Cindy, I have a question. Does this apply? I know it applies to two Trustees talking to each other, but does it apply to one Trustee and one staff member talking to each other?

Cindy Norwood: No, staff does not count. It is only Trustee to Trustee. But again, you can talk to one other Trustee. You cannot talk to two other Trustees. Once you get three Trustees involving any kind of conversation whether it is an email – that is why we beg you all not to reply to all, because you have just created a FOIA open meeting.

Charlie Whitaker: Got it. Alright, it is with some trepidation then that I propose the Building Committee go into closed session to discuss the proposal process. The relevant exemption is Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia. I would ask for a second to that motion?

Bob Mooney: Second.

Charlie Whitaker: Second from Bob Mooney. Thank you. I ask for approval of the motion?

Committee Members responded with raised hands.

Charlie Whitaker: Any nays? No nays, so we are now in closed session.

At 1:14pm the meeting went into closed session.

At 2:09pm the meeting resumed in open session.

Charlie Whitaker: We are now out of closed session. Any other business? No? Then I will officially adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm.

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