

Introduced by: Councilmember Dyballa

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2018-65

Resolution Adopting the City of Takoma Park Cultural Plan (2018-2023)

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park celebrates the rich mix of cultural expression of its residents and its multicultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted the City's first cultural plan, titled *Creative Vision: A Cultural Plan for the City of Takoma Park*, in January 2006; and

WHEREAS, the objectives identified in the 2006 plan have been achieved as a result of the collective efforts of community members, local nonprofits, the business community and the City; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Humanities Commission (Commission) has presented a new five-year cultural plan, titled *Empowering A Creative Community*, which seeks to expand upon those efforts through new and existing programming, public outreach efforts, and an emphasis on multicultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, *Empowering A Creative Community* is intended to serve as a cultural roadmap providing guidance to local policymakers and community leaders as they consider the allocation of resources and encourage the strategic development of programs and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the goals of *Empowering A Creative Community*, and is committed to working collaboratively and in partnership with the Commission, the community, and others to implement the goals which are:

- Expand Takoma Park's reputation as a destination for the arts and humanities by providing and promoting programming that is diverse, multicultural, and accessible to audiences of all ages, abilities, economic statuses, races, ethnicities, and countries of origin.
- Provide opportunities to host cultural activities and events at existing or newly designed public facilities, while also advocating for the expanded use of private facilities,
- Facilitate access to educational programs that foster an appreciation for the arts and humanities, increase cultural awareness, and develop practical skills,
- Facilitate workshops or training programs in business skills for artists and others in the creative community to help them succeed in their careers, and

- Encourage and facilitate temporary and permanent public art installations throughout the community, expand the public art program, and provide increased opportunities for visual and performance artists.

WHEREAS, the Council shares the Commission's interest in making the arts and humanities, in their many forms, a part of daily life in Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, adopts the new City of Takoma Park Cultural Plan, *EMPOWERING A CREATIVE COMMUNITY: A Vision for 2018-2023* and its implementation plan.

Adopted this 5th day of December, 2018.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter City Clerk