

## **Arts Education Committee Report** **Hector Torres, Committee Chair**

The Arts Education Committee met on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. In attendance were Commissioners Torres (Committee chair) Simms, and Commission chair, Van Lee, Deputy Director, David Markey, Arts Learning Specialist, Marcia Howard and Arts Learning Coordinator, Andrea Brown

### **Words on Fire Poetry Festival**

The 17th Annual Poetry Out Loud Competition took place on Saturday March 16th at UDC Auditorium for the Arts. Sophomore, Nyla Dinkins of Benjamin Banneker High School came in 1st place and will represent Washington D.C at the National Poetry Out Loud Competition sponsored by the National Poetry Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts on May 1st at George Washington University's, Lisner Auditorium. Details concerning in-person attendance and/or live streaming the event can be found on our website.

### **Celebrating the Creative Spark!**

The Arts Education Department is preparing to relaunch the *Celebrate the Creative Spark!* program this summer. The program is geared toward 3-session, immersive arts education experiences including a range of artistic disciplines from movement to theater for seniors 50+ and is scheduled to run from June-August 2024. Individuals and organizations interested in applying for a *Celebrate the Creative Spark!* residency are encouraged to visit our website for details and deadlines.

### **Internships**

Our Agency is seeking undergraduate and graduate-level interns for Summer 2024 for opportunities to work in the Grants, Communications, Events, and Public Arts Departments for a six-week experience from July-August. Details can be found on our website's Opportunities page. For Inquiries, please email Arts Learning Coordinator, Andrea Brown at: [andrea.brown3@dc.gov](mailto:andrea.brown3@dc.gov)