



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Arts Commission
Commissions Room 2nd Floor

Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
November 4, 2015
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes - 10/7/15

IV. REPORTS

- A. Public Comments

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Spring Art Outreach
- B. Fall 2015 Art Outreach Ideas - November 6, 2015
- C. Cultural Arts Award
- D. Decorated Object Competition
- E. Festival of the Wreaths
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- I. Village Hall Art - Main Staircase
- J. Street Art

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Informational Material/Announcements

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes - 10/7/15

Department: Planning & Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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DRAFT
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMISSIONS ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
OCTOBER 7, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Seitz-Pagano, Arts Chair
Janet Souter
Kristen Schurtz
Tara Riley
Scott DeLaney
Alison McLaughlin
Amanda Thomas
Toni Higgins-Thrash

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 26, 2015 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner McLaughlin asked if Staff could confirm or verify who made the three motions regarding the Fall Outreach event.

CULTURAL ARTS AWARD

Commissioner Schurtz explained that the Commission received two submittals for the 2015 Cultural Arts Award. Commissioner Schurtz explained that they received a nomination for William Kruser and William Chambers. The subcommittee explained that they evaluated both nominations with respect to the criteria in the call. Commissioner Schurtz explained that the subcommittee felt that Mr. Chambers has a very strong body of artwork. Commissioner Schurtz explained that after evaluating the nominations, the subcommittee is recommending that Mr. Chambers be considered for the 2015 Cultural Arts Award.

Commissioner Riley commented that they are both excellent nominations; however, Mr. Chambers does have a stronger body of artwork. Commissioner Souter commented that both have given back to the community. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash felt that Mr. Chambers showed strength under item 'B' in the call for nominations. Commissioner DeLaney commented that Mr. Chambers has a strong body of artwork. Commissioner DeLaney felt that they both have strong community involvement. Commissioner McLaughlin and Thomas agreed.

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RILEY, TO NOMINATE WILLIAM CHAMBERS AS THE WINNER OF THE 2015 CULTURAL ARTS AWARD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that she was impressed by the nomination for Mr. Kruser and his community involvement. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that she would encourage the nominator to submit Mr. Kruser's application for the Hearts of Gold award.

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash volunteered to contact Mr. Chambers.

COMMISSIONER SOUTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RILEY, TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$125 FOR THE AWARD AND PLAQUE FOR THE 2015 CULTURAL ARTS AWARD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FALL 2015 ART OUTREACH IDEAS

Commissioner DeLaney explained that the Arts Commission was going to host the fall outreach event with the Arlington Memorial Library; however, the Library has concerns with the amount of Commission business that would be conducted as part of the event. Commissioner DeLaney further explained that the library has concerns with giving out the Cultural Arts Award as part of the event. Commissioner DeLaney explained that the Library was trying to contact former Arts Commissioner Laughlin for approximately a month and was unsuccessful. Commissioner DeLaney explained as a result of not being able to reach Commissioner Laughlin, the Arts Commission missed several deadlines. Commissioner DeLaney commented that the award is an important part of the program and due to the tight timeline, the subcommittee is recommending that the program be postponed. Commissioner McLaughlin commented that the Library expressed concerns with giving out the award as part of the event since they were not involved with the award and the selection process.

Commissioner DeLaney explained that they were informed approximately two weeks ago that the Library has concerns with giving out the Cultural Arts Award. Commissioner DeLaney commented that the Arts Commission could move ahead with the program without the Library but that would leave a very small window for promoting the event. Commissioner DeLaney commented that the subcommittee felt that with the timeline that it was not realistic to pull off the event. Commissioner McLaughlin commented that there was not time to try and have an emergency meeting. Commissioner McLaughlin commented that the Library is very interested in partnering with the Arts Commission as part of a future event and that the Library is developing guidelines for working with outside organizations or entities.

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested that the Commission consider either cancelling the fall event or postponing the event until January 2016. Commissioner DeLaney commented that it is too early to commit to a January event. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the Commission consider the spring.

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that staff and a representative from the Arts Commission reach out the Library and discuss the possibility of a future event. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the award be presented at a future Village Board meeting. Commissioner Riley commented that Metropolis and the Historic Society have expressed interest in partnering with the Arts Commission.

COMMISSIONER DELANEY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ, TO CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 6, 2015 FALL ART OUTREACH EVENT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RILEY, THAT THE 2015 CULTURAL ARTS AWARD BE GIVEN AT AN UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SUBJECT TO STAFF APPROVAL. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SPRING 2016 ART OUTREACH EVENT

The Commission discussed whether or not the ideas discussed for the Fall Outreach event should be pushed to the spring. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there are any volunteers for the subcommittee for the Spring Outreach Event. The Commission discussed possible dates for the outreach event. Commissioner DeLaney and McLaughlin volunteered to work together for the Fall 2016 Outreach Event. Commissioner Schurtz and Riley volunteered for the subcommittee for the spring outreach event. The Commission discussed make up, costume design and performing arts as an option for the theme of the spring outreach event. Commissioner McLaughlin suggested reaching out to Metropolis as part of a joint effort.

DECORATED OBJECT COMPETITION

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano explained that the Commission needs to finalize options for the 2016 object. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested hats.

COMMISSIONER DELANEY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RILEY, TO SELECT 'HATS' AS THE OBJECT FOR THE DECORATED OBJECT COMPETITION FOR 2016. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FESTIVAL OF WREATHES

Commissioner Riley explained that the brochures have been distributed throughout the community and that there is a wreath making class at the Library and 52 people have registered. Commissioner Riley commented that there is a preview party for participants and sponsors of the program. Commissioner Riley commented that the wreath committee needs judges. Commissioner Thomas volunteered to help with judging.

IDEA AND PROGRAM LISTING

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there are any changes to the Idea and Program List. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that the spring outreach event should be updated to include Commissioner DeLaney and McLaughlin.

MARKETING UPDATE

Commissioner DeLaney commented that there is no update at this time.

BANNER POLE PROJECT

The subcommittee met and a draft of the call for artists has been put together. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano explained the subcommittee is currently reviewing the draft of the call.

ART FILM

Commissioner DeLaney commented that there is no update at this time. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash expressed concern with the work involved with the project. Commissioner McLaughlin suggested that it be taken off the agenda and that the program remain on the program list. The Commission agreed.

STUDENT ART PROGRAM

The Commission agreed that the Student Art program should be taken off the agenda until there is a proposal.

VILLAGE HALL ART – MAIN STAIRCASE

Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the budget request will not move forward at this time since there is not enough detail. Staff Liaison Derek Mach encouraged the Commission to continue with the project and when there is a detailed plan, a budget could be put together, and evaluated. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested a subcommittee to develop ideas for the space. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano and Souter volunteered for the subcommittee.

STREET ART

Commissioner McLaughlin shared a proposal from Kathy Neacy who is a resident and is interested in street art. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that more detail should be provided in the proposal. The Commission discussed some of the challenges regarding public art such as maintenance etc. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that there are some great ideas but that the proposal needs to be further developed.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that one of the Commissioners resigned who was very involved with the outreach event which impacted the planning of the event. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that if a Commissioner is going to resign that it would be nice to inform the Chair or Staff Liaison since the Commission is on occasion the last to be informed.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOUTER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.