



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Arts Commission
Virtual Meeting

October 21, 2020
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is closed to in-person, public attendance. The meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes - 7/29/20

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mural - Kensington Road Pedestrian Underpass

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Art Around Town
B. Cultural Arts Award

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Arts Commission
10/21/2020**

Item: Minutes - 7/29/20

Department: Planning & Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes - 7/29/20

Type

Minutes

DRAFT
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
JULY 29, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

Arts Chair Schurtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kristen Schurtz, Arts Chair
 Janet Souter
 Mary Seitz-Pagano
 Toni Higgins-Thrash
 Brian Wolf
 Leena Joshi
 Kristen Walter

Members Absent: Sarah Galla

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

Arts Chair Schurtz read the following statement as requested by the Village: I find that the public health concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic render in-person attendance at the regular meeting location not practical or prudent.

Arts Chair Schurtz led the Commission in the pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 4, 2020 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; HIGGINS-THRASH, AYE; WALTER, AYE;
JOSHI, AYE; WOLF, AYE; ARTS CHAIR SCHURTZ, AYE
ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

MURAL – KENSINGTON ROAD UNDERPASS

Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the Kensington Road pedestrian underpass located east of Village Hall was recently vandalized with racist graffiti. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that a resident recently approached the Village with an idea for an inclusive mural for this area. Staff Liaison Derek Mach shared different options for moving forward with a mural. Commissioner Souter asked about the size of a mural. Arts Chair Schurtz expressed concern that a mural could be vandalized. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano shared the vandalism concerns and suggested maybe plexiglass to protect a mural. Commissioner Walter commented that possibly the mural could be changed every other year. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano expressed concern with the coordination and work involved with changing a mural every other year. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash questioned how frequently the underpass is used by pedestrians. Arts Chair Schurtz shared concerns about the visibility of a mural. Commissioner Walter suggested including art on the outside of the tunnel where it would be more visible. Commissioner Wolf suggested embracing a graffiti theme so that it is more of a street art theme and that the mural feature positive messages. Commissioner Joshi suggested that the mural be changed out each year or every other year so that it is an ongoing project. Commissioner Joshi explained that the design and

installation of the mural could be part of a competition. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano suggested that portions of the mural be continuously changed out. Arts Chair Schurtz commented that the space or size needs to be considered since there is a significant amount of wall area within the tunnel. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano asked who maintains owns the tunnel. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the tunnel is Union Pacific right of way but that the Village maintains the tunnel. The Commission discussed the idea of releasing a 'call for artists'. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that the idea of a graffiti theme with positive messages has merit. Arts Chair Higgins-Thrash suggested a subcommittee. The Commission discussed having artists paint panels and the panels attached to the wall. The Commission discussed the idea of releasing a 'call for artists'. The Commission discussed option 2 and that a 'call for artists' be put together. Arts Chair Schurtz suggested reaching out to a high school art class and involving students. Commissioner Joshi suggested the outside of the underpass become an art show piece that includes a mural. Staff Liaison Derek Mach, commented that there might be concerns with painting the stone/stamped concrete exterior of the underpass.

Commissioner Seitz-Pagano and Commissioner Walter volunteered to participate on a subcommittee to explore the idea of a mural at the Kensington pedestrian underpass.

BUDGET

Staff Liaison Derek Mach provided an overview of the Arts Commission budget. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff is recommending that the Commission's budget stay the same as the current budget year. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the Art 'Round Town brochure be put on hold until 2021. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested using the funds for the mural. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that he brochure should be placed on a future agenda.

COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH TO SUBMIT A BUDGET THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 2020 BUDGET FOR 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,300. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; HIGGINS-THRASH, AYE; WALTER, AYE;
JOSHI, AYE; WOLF, AYE; ARTS CHAIR SCHURTZ, AYE
ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

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

**SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; HIGGINS-THRASH, AYE; WALTER, AYE;
JOSHI, AYE; WOLF, AYE; ARTS CHAIR SCHURTZ, AYE
ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**