



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Arts Commission
Commissions Room, 2nd Floor
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL
October 2, 2019
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes 9/4/19

IV. REPORTS

- A. Public Comments

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Arts Commission Survey, Goals, Project Evaluation & Structure
- B. Photography Competition
- C. Cultural Arts Award
- D. Banner Program
- E. Dunton Statue Proof - Village Hall
- F. Artist Outreach

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Informational Material/Announcements

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Arts Commission
10/2/2019**

Item: Minutes 9/4/19

Department: Planning & Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes

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DRAFT
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Members Absent: Kristen Schurtz

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

Arts Chair Souter and the Arts Commission welcomed Arts Commissioner Brian Wolf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 7, 2019 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ARTS COMMISSION SURVEY, GOALS, PROJECT EVALUATION AND STRUCTURE

The Arts Commission continued to discuss the survey and potential projects. Arts Chair Souter asked if the Art 'Round Town listing could be featured on the Commission's page on the Village website. Arts Chair Souter also asked if the banner program could be featured on Nextdoor. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the banner program has been featured on Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that previously the Commission discussed utilizing QR codes. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that this was discussed with staff and it is recommended that the Commission utilize seamless docs instead of QR codes.

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that a letter be sent to the Arts Guild explaining that the Commission will not be participating in the Walk in the Park art festival in upcoming years. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that this may leave the door open for future participation. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the Commission coordinate with the Arts Guild in the future and ask if they would feature the Commissions literature as part of the annual Walk in the Park art festival.

Arts Chair Souter explained that previously staff shared an evaluation form in order to provide an overview of each Commission program. Arts Chair Souter shared the form and asked each project lead to complete the form. Arts Chair Souter commented that she has begun to work on a three-year Commission plan. Arts Chair Souter shared a draft of the plan. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the Commission consider the 'decorated object

competition' in the future and that it be part of a Village special event such as the tree lighting program or part of autumn harvest. Arts Chair Souter commented that the Commission could discuss next year. Commissioner Joshi suggested that the Commission collaborate with the Senior Center for the decorated object event. Commissioner Joshi explained that the event could include creating an ornament or holiday object.

Arts Chair Souter commented that the Commission needs to brainstorm ideas for longer-term projects as part of a future meeting. Arts Chair Souter suggested that the Commission continue to think of ideas for the next meeting.

BANNER POLE

Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the Commission has received approximately six submittals. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the application has been shared with the Arts Guild and the Arlington Camera Club. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will continue to feature the project on social media.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Commissioner Walter explained that the Commission is recognizing the winner of the 2019 photography competition at the September 16 Village Board meeting. The Commission agreed to have a small reception at 7:45 PM before the meeting starts. Commissioner Walter volunteered to give a brief overview about the photographer as part of the presentation at the Village Board meeting.

CULTURAL ARTS AWARD

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash explained that the Commission received one nomination. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash explained that the nomination is for the Arlingtones.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTER TO SELECT THE ARLINGTONES AS THE WINNER OF THE 2019 CULTURAL ARTS AWARD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission discussed the second Village Board meeting in October or the first meeting in November as a possibility for recognizing the Arlingtones as the winner of the 2019 Cultural Arts Award. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will coordinate with the Village Manager's office regarding potential dates. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash asked staff if the Arlingtones could perform one song at the Village Board meeting. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will discuss the idea of the performance.

DUNTON STATUE PROOF – VILLAGE HALL

Staff Liaison Derek Mach shared the proof of the Dunton statue. Staff Liaison Derek Mach provided background information and explained that the proof was donated to the Village and the idea is to feature the statue in Village Hall as part of a permanent exhibit. Commissioner Walter suggested featuring photographs from the historical museum along with the exhibit. Arts Chair Souter suggested including background information about Mr. Dunton's involvement with the railroad. Commissioner Walter suggested having an information card that plugs the library and the historical museum as part of the exhibit. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano suggested featuring information about Fran Volz. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the piece be placed in a high traffic area. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano suggested that the sculpture be placed in an acrylic case with informational boards about the artist, William Dunton and the installation. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano suggested that the exhibit be permanent. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano and Commissioner Walter volunteered to be on a subcommittee. The Commission discussed an approximate timeline of 6-8 months to pull together the exhibit. The Commission discussed the next steps which include finalizing the location.

ARTIST OUTREACH

The Commission discussed choir as the theme for the next outreach event. Commissioner Galla commented that the grade schools are looking to start a show choir that features grades 3-5 in conjunction with Hersey High School and the group is looking for performance opportunities. The Commission discussed the timing for an outreach event and felt that April and May are too busy to try and host a program. Commissioner Walter commented that the end of year can be a challenging time for students due to all the end of school year activities. Arts Chair Souter commented that the Commission will continue to discuss the outreach event at the next meeting. Commissioner Galla volunteered to look into opportunities for a student choir performance.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arts Chair Souter asked if there is any new business?

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER WALTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GALLA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.