



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

September 4, 2019
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes 8/7/19

IV. REPORTS

- A. Public Comments

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Arts Commission Survey, Goals, Project Evaluation & Structure
- B. Photography Competition
- C. Cultural Arts Award

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dunton Statue Proof - Village Hall
- B. Artist Outreach
- C. Informational Material/Announcements

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Arts Commission
9/4/2019**

Item: Minutes 8/7/19

Department: Planning & Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes

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MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
AUGUST 7, 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
Kristen Schurtz
Sarah Galla
Leena Joshi

Members Absent: Mary Seitz-Pagano
Kristen Walter

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison
Brian Wolf

Arts Chair Souter and the Arts Commission welcomed Arts Commissioner Leena Joshi.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2019 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ARTS COMMISSION SURVEY, GOALS, PROJECT EVALUATION AND STRUCTURE

Arts Chair Souter explained that the Commission is going to review the project list and discuss the pros and cons for each project. Arts Chair Souter further explained that the Commission previously discussed eliminating some programs.

Outreach Program

The Commission discussed the outreach program.

COMMISSIONER GALLA MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ, TO CONTINUE WITH THE ARTIST OUTREACH PROGRAM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WHEN FEASIBLE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Banner Program

The Commission discussed the banner program. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash asked about the history of the banner program. Arts Chair Souter commented that a former commissioner came up with the idea. Arts Chair Souter explained that in the past, banners have been hung along the perimeter of the Downtown. Arts Chair Souter also explained that the Commission has hosted a design competition for the banners that are hung throughout the Village.

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH, TO CONTINUE WITH THE BANNER PROGRAM AS NEEDED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Art 'Round Town

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash provided an overview of the cultural arts listing. The Commission discussed the number of brochures that are printed each year. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the Commission has been printing 1500 brochures. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the cost difference between printing 1000 and 1500 brochures is minimal. The Commission agreed that an emphasis must be made to distribute all of the brochures throughout the year.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ, TO CONTINUE WITH THE ART 'ROUND TOWN CULTURAL ARTS LISTING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Promenade of Art Festival

The Commission discussed participation in the Promenade of Art festival. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that it is important for the Commission to engage the public. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash recommended that the Commission continue to participate in the event. Commissioner Schurtz agreed. Commissioner Galla commented that she felt the Commission's time could be better utilized. Arts Chair Souter commented that participation in the event involves a 16 hour commitment divvied amongst the Commissioners over a two day period. Staff Liaison Derek Mach suggested that the Commission evaluate the program each year.

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH, TO CONTINUE WITH PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMENADE OF ART FESTIVAL. COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH, SCHURTZ, JOSHI AND SOUTER WERE IN FAVOR. COMMISSIONER GALLA OPPOSED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Walk in the Park Art Festival

Commissioner Schurtz commented that she is not in favor of participating in the festival in future years. The Commission agreed.

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GALLA, TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE WALK IN THE PARK ART FESTIVAL IN UPCOMING YEARS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Photography Competition.

The Commission felt that participation in the photography competition has been disappointing the past few years. Commissioner Joshi commented that the program has a great deal of potential and suggested involving more students. The Commission discussed hosting the program every other year.

COMMISSIONER JOSHI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ, TO HOST THE 2020 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION BUT TO NOT HOST THE ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION IN UPCOMING YEARS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission agreed to revisit the competition in the future.

Cultural Arts Award

The Commission discussed the Cultural Arts Award. The Commission discussed hosting the program every other year.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ, TO HOST THE CULTURAL ARTS AWARD PROGRAM EVERY OTHER YEAR. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the Commission has not received any submittals for 2019. The Commission discussed ideas to help promote the call for nominations for the award. Commissioner Joshi suggested utilizing QR codes for promoting Commission events/programs.

Decorated Object Competition

The Commission discussed participation in the decorated object program. Overall, the Commission felt that participation the past few years has been disappointing. The Commission agreed to not host the competition in 2020 and to revisit the program in the future. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested having a competition as part of a future outreach event.

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GALLA, TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECORATED OBJECT COMPETITION IN 2020 AND TO REVISIT THE POSSIBILITY OF HOSTING EVENT IN THE FUTURE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission discussed ideas for new projects. Arts Chair Souter suggested that the Commission come up with a list of potential long term projects. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the Village Board provide more direction on potential projects. Staff Liaison Derek Mach suggested that the Commission develop a list of potential projects. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that once the project list is developed, the Commission should narrow the list to two or three potential projects. The Commission discussed the idea of a mural. Commissioner Joshi suggested that the Commission consider a quilt show as a possible future outreach event. Arts Chair Souter commented that the Commission will continue to discuss ideas at the next Arts Commission meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the winning photograph has been framed. The Commission discussed September 16, 2019 as a potential date for recognizing the winner at a Village Board meeting.

CULTURAL ARTS AWARD

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that to date the Commission has not received any nominations.

BUDGET 2019

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 MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GALLA TO SUBMIT A BUDGET THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 2019 BUDGET FOR 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,300. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arts Chair Souter asked if there is any new business?

ADJOURNMENT

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