



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

Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
July 10, 2019
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes 6-12-19

IV. REPORTS

- A. Public Comments

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Arts Commission Survey, Goals, Project Evaluation & Structure
- B. Decorated Object Competition
- C. Photography Competition
- D. Banner Program

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Informational Material/Announcements

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Arts Commission
7/10/2019**

Item: Minutes 6-12-19

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
JUNE 12, 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
Kristen Schurtz
Kathleen Neacy
Kristen Walter

Members Absent: Sarah Galla

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 1, 2019 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

WALK IN THE PARK

The Commission discussed participation for the Walk in the Park art festival. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash provided an overview of the event.

SPRING OUTREACH EVENT

On May 19, the Commission held an event 'Jazz in the Heights' at Metropolis and the Commission thanked Commissioner Neacy and Galla for their work on the program. Overall, the Commission felt the event was outstanding.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Commissioner Walter explained that the winner of the 2019 Photography Competition has been notified. Commissioner Walter commented that the winner was honored to be selected. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the frame selection needs to be finalized. Commissioner Walter volunteered to coordinate frame options and share at the next Arts Commission meeting.

DECORATED OBJECT COMPETITION

The Commission discussed the Decorated Object Competition. The Commission discussed having gift cards from the local yogurt shops for the nine awards for the event.

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO, TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$200 FOR NINE AWARDS AND RIBBONS FOR THE 2019 DECORATED OBJECT COMPETITION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will print the forms and the signs for the event. The Commission discussed the size restriction for the mirrors. Commissioner Schurtz suggested that there not be a restriction. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the flyer, which has been distributed includes a recommendation that the mirrors not exceed 24" x 24". The Commission agreed that the form/flyer should not be changed since the wording allows some flexibility with the size.

BANNER PROGRAM

Arts Chair Souter commented that the Daily Herald published a press release in order to help promote the banner program. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the banner program has been featured on Facebook and the Village website. Arts Chair Souter asked if a mailing could be sent with the banner program and the decorated object flyer.

IDEA AND PROGRAM LISTING

Arts Chair Souter asked if there are any updates for the Idea and Program List?

MARKETING

Arts Chair Souter commented that she sent a news release for the Decorated Object Competition.

ARTS COMMISSION SURVEY, GOALS, PROJECT EVALUATION AND STRUCTURE

Arts Chair Souter explained that she met with the Village Manager, the Director of Planning and Community Development and the Commission's Staff Liaison regarding the survey results and options for moving forward. Arts Chair Souter explained that it was recommended that the Commission focus on larger projects and do away with some of the smaller projects. Arts Chair Souter commented that different options were discussed for moving forward. Arts Chair Souter explained that as part of the meeting with staff, it was recommended that the Commission discuss the pros and cons of the Commission continuing as a Village Commission or an independent Commission. Arts Chair Souter explained that there are some benefits if the Commission was to be an independent Commission. Arts Chair Souter also explained that it is important that the Commission is mindful of staff time.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of continuing as a Village Commission. Commissioner Schurtz commented that an independent Commission would be similar to the Arts Guild. Arts Chair Souter asked about funding if the Commission was independent. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained the current budget and explained that the budget would have to be approved by the Village Board. Commissioner Walter asked if the Commission is being encouraged to be an independent Commission. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the Commission is not being encouraged to be an independent Commission. Staff Liaison Derek Mach further explained that there are some pros to being an independent Commission so staff felt that the idea should be discussed. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the survey indicated that there is some frustration expressed from Commission members with some of the rules that the Commission must abide to as a Village Commission. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that if the Commission was independent there would be no staff support. The Commission expressed concern about losing staff support if they were an independent Commission. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained some of the benefits if the Commission was an independent Commission. Commissioner Neacy commented that if the Commissions was independent it might be difficult to come back in the future and be a Village Commission. Commissioner Schurtz commented that some of the comments on the survey are negative and questioned if those comments are from a member that is no longer on the Commission. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that if the Commission decides to go independent that she would prefer not to be on the Commission. The Commission agreed that they would like to remain a Village Commission.

Commissioner Walter suggested that the Commission partner more often with other entities or organizations. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that she feels that some organizations see the Arts Commission as a competitor and have no interest in teaming up for projects. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that in her

opinion, a collaborative effort might involve more work for library staff or park district staff and sometimes it is easier for them to execute a project without involving another entity.

Arts Chair Souter commented that since the Commission is going to remain a Village Commission, the project list needs to be evaluated and pared down. Arts Chair Souter also explained that staff time is limited and that the Department of Planning has been taking on additional responsibilities. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented some projects have run their course such as the photo competition. Commissioner Schurtz suggested having just one large outreach event each year or every other year. Staff Liaison Derek Mach recommended that each project be evaluated as part of a future meeting. Commissioner Walter suggested that a five year plan be developed.

Commissioner Walter asked if staff has participation numbers for past commission projects. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that staff does have some data. Commissioner Walter and staff will coordinate regarding project data, which will be discussed at a future Arts Commission meeting. Arts Chair Souter commented that the Commission feels strongly about continuing as a Village Commission and that the Commission will continue the discussion and evaluate the project list at the July Arts Commission meeting.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arts Chair Souter asked if there is any new business?

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER NEACY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:20 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.