



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Arts Commission
Virtual Meeting

March 3, 2021
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 10/21/20

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mural - Kensington Road Pedestrian Underpass

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Arts Commission
3/3/2021

Item: Minutes 10/21/20

Department: Planning & Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 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
 Sarah Galla

Members Absent: Kristen Walter

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 SOUTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 29, 2020 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; GALLA, 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 at the last meeting the Commission evaluated options for a mural at the Kensington Road pedestrian underpass located east of Village Hall. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that at the last meeting there were questions about the size of the walls. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the height of the walls are eight feet and the underpass is 48 feet long. Staff Liaison Derek Mach also commented that previously there was a question as to whether or not there is lighting in the underpass. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that there is no lighting in the underpass but there are lights outside of the underpass. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano shared examples of ideas for murals. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the Commission previously expressed concern with vandalism of a mural. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that a local sign contractor indicated that they have vandal resistant material that could be utilized on the concrete walls within the tunnel. Staff Liaison Derek Mach further explained that the art would be printed on the vandal resistant material and installed within the tunnel. Commissioner Souter asked about placing art outside of the tunnel where it would be more visible. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that there is decorative stamped concrete on the exterior of the underpass.

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash joined the meeting and explained that she was having technical difficulties.

Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that previously the Commission discussed projecting artwork on the walls within the underpass to alleviate the concern with vandalism. The Commission discussed the idea of projecting artwork. Commissioner Joshi suggested that the mural include 'hope and unity' and positive messaging. Commissioner Joshi commented that the idea of different faces that represent Arlington Heights has potential. Commissioner Joshi also suggested using a collage of hands for the border. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash expressed concern with using faces. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash commented that permission should be obtained from the person if their face is going to be used as part of a mural. The Commission discussed having a mosaic of faces and using selfies as part of a collage. The Commission also discussed the idea of the John Lennon wall located in Prague where the public can create art on the wall and express themselves.

The Commission reviewed the mural example 'Greeting from Chicago' by Victor Vinga and discussed the idea of having artwork within letters that state 'Arlington Heights' and that the text placed on each side of the underpass. Arts Chair Schurtz commented that instead of 'Arlington Heights' it could state 'Arlington Together'. The Commission discussed the idea of artwork or faces within the letters 'Arlington Heights'. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano suggested defining the theme and putting together a call for artists. Commissioner Galla suggested evaluating different mural options and sizes for the letters and obtaining cost estimates. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano explained that the theme should be discussed in more detail and the execution of artwork within the tunnel.

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if anyone in the audience has any comments regarding the mural project? Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that there are no comments at this time.

ART AROUND TOWN

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that the annual publication of the A.R.T. Art 'Round Town Cultural Arts Listing be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission will consider reinstatement of the listing in the fall of 2021 for publication in 2022.

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if anyone in the audience has any comments? Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that there are no comments at this time.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GALLA TO POSTPONE THE CULTURAL ARTS LISTING UNTIL FALL OF 2021 FOR PUBLICATION IN 2022. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that a letter be sent to past participants of the Art Around Town listing informing them that the brochure will not be printed in 2021 due to the pandemic. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will send a letter.

CULTURAL ARTS AWARD

The Commission discussed postponing the 2021 Arlington Heights Cultural Arts Award until 2023. This award is typically presented every other year to an outstanding artist or group in Arlington Heights who has created a significant body of art.

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if anyone in the audience has any comments? Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that there are no comments at this time.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOUTER TO POSTPONE THE CULTURAL ARTS AWARD UNTIL 2023. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Commission discussed meeting again in January 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS-THRASH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOUTER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:35 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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