

APPROVED
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE BUECHNER ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
APRIL 17, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

Members Present: Kristen Schurtz, Arts Chair
 Mary Seitz-Pagano
 Janet Souter
 Brian Wolf
 Leena Joshi
 Gretchen Grassl

Members Absent: Sheila Kessler
 Erika Cutlip
 Kristen Walter

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

Arts Chair Schurtz led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance. Arts Chair Schurtz and the Arts Commission welcomed Commissioner Grassl.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SOUTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2024 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CULTURAL ARTS AWARD

Arts Chair Schurtz commented that the next Cultural Award would be given in 2025. Staff Liaison Derek Mach shared a draft of the updated call for the award. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the deadline for submitting is April 25, 2025. The Commission discussed that the earlier submittal deadline would allow for more flexibility for when the award is given. The Commission reviewed the draft.

COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOLF, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CALL FOR THE 2025 CULTURAL ARTS AWARD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LIGHT PROJECTION MAPPING

Commissioner Seitz-Pagano explained that the subcommittee had a meeting and discussed the idea of projecting the art as part of a temporary show/exhibit. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano explained that the equipment would be rented. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano explained that this would keep the cost to a minimum and allow the Commission to track the success. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that the exhibit could be expanded in the future. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that there is a similar project on the monitor/screen at Metropolis and suggested that research be conducted to find out more about that project. Commissioner Souter commented that a temporary exhibit would allow the art show to be featured at different locations. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that there is a company in

Arlington Heights that is capable of projecting images. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that the subcommittee will continue to meet to work on details for the exhibit. Arts Chair Shurtz thanked the subcommittee for their work on the project.

IDEAS FOR NEW PROJECTS

The Commission discussed ideas for new shorter-term projects. The Commission discussed the following:

- Baking/Culinary program
- Coloring program
- Music program at Metropolis
- Film festival
- Theater program
- Sculptures in the Uptown area or Lake Arlington area
- Banners

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if there is any new business? Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that Avis Meade with the Manager's Office was inquiring if the Commission is going to host the photography competition. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that Avis shared ideas that include hosting a social media version in order to modernize the program. Some of the content could be used for promotion purposes. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that the idea is similar to the light projection project. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that Avis shared potential categories which include:

- Best family in the community photo
- Best Arlington Alfresco pictures
- Best North School Park Picture
- Best Harmony Park and/or Sounds of Summer photo
- Best picture of trees
- Best parade picture

Arts Chair Schurtz suggested the Commission give the idea some thought and continue to discuss at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if there are any public comments?

ADJOURNMENT

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