

APPROVED
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE BUECHNER ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
JUNE 26, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Members Absent: Erika Cutlip

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SCHURTZ MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KESSLER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 17, 2024 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LIGHT PROJECTION MAPPING

Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the subcommittee met and discussed the budget parameters for the project. The subcommittee also discussed updating Mr. Berlin and discussed reaching out to Mr. Berlin about the possibility of repurposing a past exhibit. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the subcommittee discussed the idea involving a local college class or students and inquire if there is interest in partnering.

Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that since the subcommittee met that Mr. George Berlin received an update from staff regarding the light projection project. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that Mr. Berlin shared some additional ideas for light projection which include a mobile exhibit. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that Mr. Berlin is involved with a light projection art show on October 11-13 exhibit in Aurora.

Commissioner Kessler explained that there is up to \$4,500 available for youth employment for municipalities as part of a grant opportunity. Commissioner Kessler provided an overview of a few grant opportunities. Commissioner Walter questioned if the Commission could apply on behalf of the city. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the Commission must coordinate with Village staff prior to pursuing grant money and that staff would coordinate the submittal.

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested that 'Art Grant Opportunities' be placed on a future agenda and that the Commission identify potential grants and a timeline.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that Avis Meade, Communications and Outreach Coordinator is inquiring if the Arts Commission is interested in hosting the photography competition. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that some of the ideas shared include hosting a social media version in order to modernize the program. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that some of the content could be used for promotion purposes. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that the idea is similar to the light projection project. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that Avis shared some ideas for 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

The Commission discussed possibly revamping the photography competition. Commissioner Walter suggested a youth section. Commissioner Walter suggested a theme such as 'Life in the Heights'. Commissioner Joshi suggested video snippets. Commissioner Kessler suggested inviting Ms. Meade to a future Arts Commission meeting.

IDEAS FOR NEW PROJECTS

Commissioner Souter commented that previously the Commission discussed the idea for a film festival. The Commission discussed featuring the Oscar shorts. The Commission discussed Metropolis, senior center, library or a school auditorium as a potential venue. Commissioner Kessler commented that another option is a short film competition. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested that 'Film Festival' be placed on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there is any new business? Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if the following items can be added to the next Arts Commission agenda:

- Art Walk
- Film Festival
- Art Grant Opportunities

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there are any public comments?

ADJOURNMENT

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