

Approved
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMISSIONS ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
AUGUST 7, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Seitz-Pagano, Arts Chair
Janet Souter
Erika Cutlip
Leena Joshi
Sheila Kessler

Members Absent: Kristen Schurtz
Gretchen Grassl
Kristen Walter
Brian Wolf

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KESSLER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOUTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 26, 2024 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LIGHT PROJECTION MAPPING

Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the subcommittee is continuing to explore options for the light projection project.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that previously the Commission discussed ideas for the photography competition. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the Communications and Outreach Coordinator is inquiring if the Arts Commission is interested in hosting the photography competition.

The Commission discussed the idea of a subcommittee. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested that this be placed on a future agenda when the members from the subcommittee are present. Commissioner Kessler suggested having the subcommittee continue to explore options.

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that previously there was disappointment with the participation in the program. Commissioner Joshi expressed concern with the prior submittals which included repetitive images/categories and suggested that the Commission revisit the idea in the future. The Commission agreed to revisit the idea of a photography competition in six months and to prioritize the light projection project.

ARTS WALK

Commissioner Joshi shared an idea for an art walk that could be featured in the Downtown. Commissioner Joshi commented that the idea is very conceptual at this point. Commissioner Joshi explained that an art walk could be an opportunity for local artists to feature their art. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that the art walk could be similar to a

garden walk and featured at various residential sites. Commissioner Souter commented that the Library or the Maker Space might be potential options as part of an art walk. Commissioner Kessler commented that the Library might be a great option as a potential partner.

ART GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested that the agenda item for grant opportunities be discussed at a future meeting when there are more Commissioners present. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that Commissioner Kessler shared some helpful information which has been shared with the Commission.

FILM FESTIVAL

Commissioner Souter explained that the program for an Oscar shorts could be featured in late January or sometime in February depending on the schedule. The Commission discussed the Metropolis Performing Arts Center as a possible venue. Commissioner Souter explained that Magnolia Pictures, the organization that provides the files for the shorts has also expressed interest and that they can provide a digital cinema package or mp4 files. The Commission discussed that possibly the program can be held on two Mondays during February of 2025.

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that the next step would be to share the concept with Metropolis to inquire if there might be interest in teaming up or co-hosting the program.

2025 BUDGET

The Commission discussed the 2025 budget submittal. The Commission agreed to submit a 2025 budget request for \$12,000 (\$2,000 from the general fund and \$10,000 from the arts and entertainment fund) which is consistent with the current budget year.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there is any new business?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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