

APPROVED
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE BUECHNER CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
JANUARY 15 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
Brian Wolf
Gretchen Grassl
Kristen Schurtz
Leena Joshi

Members Absent: Kristen Walter

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER SOUTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUTLIP, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FILM FESTIVAL

Commissioner Souter explained that she, Commissioner Wolf, and Staff Liaison Derek Mach met with Chip Brooks from Hey Nonny. Commissioner Wolf commented that the venue can seat approximately 90 people. Commissioner Souter commented that the date for the event is February 22, 2025. The program will last approximately three and half hours and that there would be an intermission halfway through. Commissioner Souter commented that staff indicated that as soon as Magnolia Pictures provides the required financial documents a deposit can be processed. Commissioner Souter explained that Hey Nonny might have a fixed menu for the table areas. Commissioner Joshi commented that thought needs to be given to promoting the event. Commissioner Joshi suggested having a QR code where participants can vote for their favorite film. Commissioner Cutlip inquired if Hey Nonny has the projection equipment. Commissioner Wolf explained that those details are being finalized and that equipment will need to be borrowed or rented. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano thanked the subcommittee and commented that the next step is to finalize the details with Hey Nonny and market the program.

ARTS WALK

Commissioner Schurtz commented that thought needs to be given to potential locations for the program. Commissioner Joshi commented that ideas are continuing to be discussed. Commissioner Souter commented that Mr. Brooks shared an idea for a small art festival in the Downtown. The Commission discussed past art events in the Downtown. Commissioner Joshi commented that the subcommittee will continue to discuss ideas.

LIGHT PROJECTION MAPPING

Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that ideas were discussed with Mr. George Berlin regarding light projection mapping. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that Mr. Berlin shared the contact information for the former Director of Art at the City of Aurora. Staff Liaison Derek Mach further explained that Mr. Berlin suggested researching Pearl Street in Denver and the City of Aurora. Commissioner Cutlip suggested that the following questions be compiled for the research regarding the program that the City of Aurora hosted:

- What was successful?
- What would they have done different?
- Sponsorships and grants?
- Timing?
- How did they promote the event?
- Were there partners?
- How much was spent on the program?
- Where did they rent equipment?

ART GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Chair Seitz commented that ComEd and Exelon have grant opportunities for art. Commissioner Cutlip commented that she has a contact for ComEd grant opportunities. Commissioner Grassl shared another potential grant opportunity. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano encouraged the Commission to continue to explore grant opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there is any new business? Commissioner Schurtz commented that she is interviewing for an opportunity on the Village Plan Commission. The Commission congratulated Commissioner Schurtz and wished her well.

The Commission discussed meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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