

APPROVED
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE PERKINS ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
JUNE 18, 2025 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
Kristen Walter
Erika Cutlip
Brian Wolf
Gretchen Grassl
Leena Joshi
Carla McAleer
Kate Schwarz

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano and the arts Commission welcomed Commissioner McAleer and Commissioner Schwarz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER WALTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSHI, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2025 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC ART PLAN

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano explained that at the last meeting the Arts Commission discussed the purpose, goals and outcomes for the public art plan. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that Schwarz and Commissioner McAleer have identified potential locations for public art. Commissioner Schwarz and Commissioner McAleer shared potential locations throughout the Village. The Commission discussed the following potential locations:

Potential Art Opportunities

- Nichol Knoll
- Lake Arlington
- AH Memorial Library
- Downtown Train Station
- Vail Parking Garage
- Harmony Park
- Downtown Crosswalks
- Street Art during Arlington Alfresco
- Vail Pedestrian Sky Bridge
- Retaining Wall on NW Hwy. near AH Rd.
- Sunset Meadows
- Recreation Park
- Arlington Ridge Center
- Historic Museum

- Rand Road Corridor (Uptown Area)
- Pioneer Park
- Senior Center
- Village Hall

Existing Art Examples

- Lake Arlington Sign
- DtA
- Arlington Heights Sign
- Library statues
- Sunset Meadows statue
- Memorial Park

The Commission discussed the potential locations. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested that the Commission narrow the list down to approximately 6 locations. The Commission is going to give thought to potential locations and continue to discuss at a future meeting. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano commented that a subcommittee to determine approximate budget for each category and potential funding sources. Commissioner Grassl and Commissioner Walter volunteered for the budget subcommittee.

Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the locations discussed are conceptual and some of the locations would require approval by the various entities including the Park District, Library or the Village. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano and the Arts Commission thanked the subcommittee. Commissioner Walter commented that thought should be given to a call for artist. Commissioner Walter commented that the call could include multiple locations. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that the location list could be paired down. Commissioner Walter suggested a subcommittee that evaluates potential funding opportunities. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano explained that the next item is financing and then concept. can we proceed with budget subcommittee and

Staff Liaison Derek Mach recommended that the list be paired down and then staff can discuss how to proceed with the various locations and different entities.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there is any new business? The Commission discussed meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano asked if there are any public comments? Ms. Sarah Altieri introduced herself and shared her background/experience. Ms. Altieri shared her enthusiasm regarding the Arts Commission and the art plan. Ms. Danuta Malczewska shared her background information and support for the arts. Ms. Malczewska suggested that the Commission consider exploring options for art at the schools. Ms. Malczewska also suggested having competitions for art. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano thanked Ms. Altieri and Ms. Malczewska for their 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.