

APPROVED
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMISSIONS ROOM
OF THE VILLAGE HALL
DECEMBER 3, 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
Kristen Walter
Erika Cutlip
Brian Wolf
Leena Joshi
Carla McAleer
Kate Schwarz
Sara Altieri

Members Absent: Gretchen Grassl

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER WALTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOLF, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2025 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CULTURAL ARTS AWARD

Commissioner Cutlip commented that the Arts Commission received six submittals for the 2025 Cultural Arts Award. Commissioner Cutlip explained that the subcommittee graded each submittal to compare how each candidate met the criteria. Commissioner Joshi explained that the subcommittee reviewed the submittals and that they are recommending Tamaron Conseur as the winner.

The Commission discussed that one of the nominations was a previous winner. Commissioner Cutlip and Joshi explained that there is nothing in the application that would prohibit someone from winning a second time. The Commission is going to evaluate the application prior to releasing again for the next award.

COMMISSIONER WOLF MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCALEER TO NOMINATE TAMARON CONSEUR FOR THE 2025 CULTURAL ARTS AWARD. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano and the Arts Commission thanked the subcommittee for their work on the 2025 Cultural Arts Award. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will coordinate with the winner and the Village Manager's office regarding a Village Board date for presenting the award.

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC ART PLAN

Staff Liaison Derek Mach provided an update regarding the Downtown Public Art Plan. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the subcommittee provided criteria for evaluating art which has been incorporated into the draft plan. The Commission reviewed the criteria. The Commission discussed the potential locations for art and asked that Harmony Park be removed from the list. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the concept that a consultant developed as part of the Vail Promenade project includes artwork along the east property line which has generated excitement. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that per the Commission's request, Harmony Park will be removed from the list of potential locations for artwork. The Commission discussed that there is too much artwork in Harmony Park. The Commission discussed the south elevation of the Vail parking garage as a potential location for artwork.

Staff Liaison Derek Mach recommended that the Commission form a subcommittee for the mural ordinance component. Commissioner Altieri and Commissioner Wolf volunteered for a subcommittee for the draft of the mural ordinance.

SIDEWALK CHALK ART

Commissioner Cutlip shared an idea for a chalk art competition. Commissioner Cutlip commented that businesses could have food and possibly a live music performance. Commissioner Walter commented that the event could be a festival and families, organizations or individuals could be assigned a square and there could be categories and themes. The Commission discussed that the festival could possibly be at the end of the summer. The Commission discussed that there could be prizes as part of the event. Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano suggested that the Commission continue to discuss a sidewalk chalk art festival at the next Arts Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cutlip and Commissioner Joshi volunteered for a subcommittee. The subcommittee is going to focus on a tentative date, location and guidelines.

ARTWORK AT METROPOLIS

Arts Chair Seitz-Pagano explained that previously there were murals on the walls on the second floor of Metropolis. The Commission discussed creating new murals on the walls. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that the walls are owned by the Village and staff would need to discuss.

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 WALTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOSHI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.