



Minutes: January 5, 2023

Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bondy at 7:03pm at Village Hall.

Commissioners Present: Bruce Bondy, Bonnie Siegel, Joei Shavitz, Eileen Loftus, Jerry Block, Madison Vienna, Al Alvarez, Chris Laughlin, Rob Sills, Ernie Halperin, Kittie Yohe

Commissioners Absent: Marsha Schwartz, Karen Mahoney, Sharon Moyer, Chris Sheban,

Members of the Public: Erik Von Alroth

Minutes Approval

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes. With the modification to the record that Commissioner Sills was absent, Commissioner Block moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Halperin. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Hear from the Audience

Erik Von Alroth shared information about his business, House of Creative Powers, that focuses on art restoration (painting and sculpture). He's been a resident of Northbrook for about three years and only recently found out about the Arts Commission. Chairman Bondy explained a bit about the Arts Commission, its scope of work, and some of the events sponsored by the Commission.

Finance Report

Liaison Farrell reported that the most recent bank statement listed a balance of \$6,347.11. The Commission discussed known obligations including the Chamber Music Series and Ken Call reception.

Ken Call Exhibit

Commissioner Block reported that the exhibit (27 pieces of art) is currently up at the library and will remain in place until February 28. Commissioner Block mentioned that there would be a gap in artwork displayed at the library if the Ken Call exhibit is taken down on February 28. Commissioner Alvarez shared the poster created by Commissioner Shavitz. Chairman Bondy reminded the Commission that \$1,500 was designated for the reception including \$650 for entertainment and \$500 for refreshments. Commissioner Mahoney (absent) was scheduled to handle the necessary food and drink and Chairman Bondy will confirm. The Reception will take place in the Pollack Room with the interview taking place in Auditorium. Commissioners Vienna, Alvarez, Block and Bondy will meet with the Library prior to event to finalize timing of all activities and logistics. Commissioner Loftus suggested signage at the event detailing the timing. Preliminary timing for the event is entertainment/view artwork/talk to Ken from 6-7pm then music shepherding people into the auditorium for the interview at 7pm. 20 people are currently signed up for the event; the Pollack room holds 100 and the Auditorium 225.

Chairman Bondy emphasized that this event is a more than an exhibit - it's an entertaining, informative, fun evening with a meet and greet, personal interaction with the artist. The advertisements will reflect this information along with the name of the musical group (Frozen Robins) and a brief description of Ken. There is \$350-400 budgeted for advertisements which will start next week.

Chairman Bondy will contact the artist for a local mailing list and Commissioner Laughlin will share information about the event with the Commission's mailing list.

The Commission discussed the interview format. There won't be slides during the interview but perhaps a few slides with artwork before or after the interview. Audience questions will depend on time.

Liaison Farrell to post as a boosted Facebook event with the registration link. Commissioner Laughlin to provide event text.

Commissioner Laughlin will record the interview as the library does not currently have recording capabilities.

Northbrook Originals

Commissioner Block stated that Northbrook Originals starts in April and runs through the end of May. Applications will be sent to pr@northbrook.il.us and forwarded to Commissioner Block. Commissioners Block, Alvarez, and Siegel will judge the applications on February 17.

Chamber Music Series

Commissioners Vienna and Laughlin are going to coordinate a master class performance with kids and a musical event for kids. The series runs the last Sunday in April and the first three Sundays in May.

Discussion

Commissioner Siegel shared an idea she heard about in other communities. Community members paint on a 6x6 canvas that was sold to raise money for a charity and the 6x6 canvases create a larger display. Commissioner Vienna mentioned that the library is doing something similar right now with 3x3 canvases. The Commission briefly discussed the idea and decided to continue the conversation until next month. Items to discuss include: buying the canvas, adding a theme, allowing for mixed media.

Chairman Bondy raised the idea of an Art Walk with artists setup in different businesses.

Adjournment

Commissioner Halperin moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Yohe. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Submitted by
/s/ Madeline Farrell