



Minutes: February 4, 2021

Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bondy at 7:02pm via Webex and at Village Hall.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Bruce Bondy, Al Alvarez, Bonnie Siegel, Joei Shavitz, Park District Representative Katie Kotloski, Library Representative Madison Carroll, Marsha Schwartz, Rob Sills, Chris Laughlin, Jerry Block, Sharon Moyer, and Liaison Kylie Cerk

Commissioners Absent: Chris Sheban, Joan MacVay, Ernie Halperin

Guests: Rhonda Fried & Michele Pollina

Minutes Approval

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the December 3 meeting minutes. Commissioner Sills moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. All were in favor by roll call and the motion passed.

Hear from the Audience

Chairman Bondy welcomed Michele Pollina, a Northbrook resident interested in participating with the commission. Ms. Pollina introduced herself and gave background on her experience with art. Chairman Bondy asked each commissioner to introduce themselves.

Finance Report

Liaison Cerk stated that the last bank statement showed a balance of \$7,549.44. Liaison Cerk also mentioned that she received a refund check totaling \$461 from artist Michele Usibelli for Artist Workshop expenses.

Artist Workshops Updates

Commissioner Siegel stated that the Artist Workshop with Michele Usibelli is canceled, and the funds have been returned. Commissioner Siegel is keeping in touch with Ms. Usibelli on a pending date for an in-person workshop next spring. Commissioner Siegel noted that she is looking for a second artist for a possible second workshop.

Salsa Dancing

Commissioner Alvarez mentioned that he has interest in the commission hosting a salsa dancing event. Potential venues for the event include the Village Green, the gazebo, Techny Prairie Activity Center, and other Park District locations. Commissioner Kotloski offered tours of different Park District facilities to any interested commissioners.

Plein Air 2021

Chairman Bondy discussed plans for the 2021 Plein Air Photography Festival in June and a virtual exhibit of the photo submissions from 2020, hosted by the Library. Communications will be coordinated with the Village and Library. Commissioner Sills offered suggestions to improve the logistics of the event for 2021.

Chamber Music Series at Library

Commissioner Laughlin stated that there will be four dates for the music series, and two of the acts have been booked. Commissioner Laughlin noted that \$4000 has been budgeted for the event. Commissioner Carroll mentioned that the series will be advertised through the Library's newsletter, social media, and e-newsletter. Commissioner Carroll stated that the Library has been successful with virtual concerts and can send examples to anyone interested. Commissioner Laughlin asked about payment coordination. Chairman Bondy said invoices should be made out to the Arts Commission.

Community Art Initiatives

Chairman Bondy reminded the group that the commission paid a deposit to the drum circle group, who are available for future in-person events. Commissioner Laughlin suggested the drum circle for a possible fall event, such as the Spooky Trail.

Chairman Bondy stated that studio tours and Northbrook Originals are postponed for the time being.

Adjournment

Commissioner Laughlin moved to adjourn, seconded Commissioner Sills. All were in favor by roll call and the meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Submitted by
/s/ Kylie Cerk