



## **Minutes: March 4, 2021**

### **Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bondy at 7:13pm via Webex and at Village Hall.

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Bruce Bondy, Al Alvarez, Bonnie Siegel, Park District Representative Eileen Loftus, Library Representative Madison Carroll, Marsha Schwartz, Rob Sills, Chris Laughlin, Joan MacVay, Ernie Halperin, Chris Sheban, and Liaison Kylie Cerk

**Commissioners Absent:** Joei Shavitz, Jerry Block, Sharon Moyer, and Karen Mahoney

**Guests:** Kittie Yohe and Rhonda Fried

#### **Minutes Approval**

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the February 4 meeting minutes. Commissioner Laughlin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sheban. All were in favor by roll call and the motion passed.

#### **Finance Report**

Liaison Cerk stated that the last bank statement showed a balance of \$7,349.51. Chairman Bondy mentioned that the Commission will receive its budgeted funds on May 1, 2021, the start of the fiscal year.

#### **Artist Workshops Updates**

Commissioner Siegel stated that Michele Usibelli is still interested in doing an in-person workshop, possibly next May. Commissioner Siegel noted that she is looking for a second artist for a possible second workshop.

#### **Plein Air Photo Fest 2021**

Commissioner Sills reported on the following improvements: setting up size guidelines for submitting photographs, improving the website layout, holding one contest a week instead of two, and allowing student entries to be judged overall. Chairman Bondy stated that the start date will be in early June and will run to the end of June.

## **Salsa Dancing**

Commissioner Alvarez stated that he would like to discuss further with Commissioner Kotloski about location. Commissioner Alvarez is also exploring the idea of having a team of instructors to help run the event.

## **Chamber Music Series at Library**

Commissioner Carroll reported that all the acts are booked and stated that each group will likely perform for an hour without intermission. Commissioner Carroll also stated that the event will be livestreamed and recorded through YouTube. The recordings will be accessible via link and can be downloaded. The events are being held the first four Sundays in May. Commissioner Carroll and Liaison Cerk will coordinate communications.

## **CAC Healing Hearts Sculpture**

Chairman Bondy and Commissioner Cerk reported on the Village's participation with the Children's Advocacy Center's (CAC) Healing Hearts program. The Village is responsible for painting a heart sculpture to be displayed, and Chairman Bondy recruited local artist Heather Killian for the project. In addition to a \$200 stipend from CAC, Commissioner Bondy stated that he would like the Arts Commission to supplement the amount with \$300 (as a co-sponsor). Commissioner Loftus motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. All were in favor by roll call.

## **Call to Local Artists**

Commissioner Siegel reported that she would like to work with Liaison Cerk to reach local artists and update the Commission's contact list.

## **Local Art Initiatives**

Chairman Bondy stated that studio tours, Northbrook Originals, and live performances (drum circle) are postponed for the time being.

Chairman Bondy reported that the Techny Prairie Activity Center seems like a good venue to host future events, possibly a dance event. Commissioner Loftus offered tours to interested commissioners.

## **Commission Facebook Page**

Chairman Bondy stated that we are exploring ways to dissolve the Arts Commission Facebook page. Liaison Cerk said that we can post an announcement for followers to visit the Village's Facebook page instead.

## **Studio Tours**

Kittie Yohe is looking at other communities' events and is exploring the idea of virtual tours. Commissioner Siegel expressed that she is in favor of an in-person event at the Village Green. Ms. Yohe will check back in summer to see what options are available.

## **Outdoor Events**

Commissioner Halperin stated that fall seems like a reasonable target date for outdoor events that are in person. Commissioner Loftus added that the Park District has been successful planning outdoor events within the state's guidelines. Chairman Bondy is considering this option for the traditional Plein Air event. Commissioner Loftus suggested the Prairie Room at the Techny Prairie Activity Center and Commissioner Laughlin suggested Northbrook Court both as possible locations for Plein Air.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Halperin moved to adjourn, seconded Commissioner Laughlin. All were in favor by roll call and the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Submitted by  
/s/ Kylie Cerk