



Minutes: April 8, 2021

Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bondy at 7:07pm via Webex and at Village Hall.

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

Commissioners Absent: Jerry Block, Ernie Halperin, and Karen Mahoney

Guests:

Kittie Yohe

Minutes Approval

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the March 4 meeting minutes. Commissioner Laughlin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sills. 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 \$7,349.56. Chairman Bondy mentioned that the Commission will receive its budgeted funds on May 1, 2021, the start of the fiscal year.

Chamber Music Series at Library

Commissioner Laughlin reported that all the acts are booked and registration is available on the Library's website. Liaison Cerk stated that the event is being promoted in the Village's e-newsletter and will be in the print newsletter. Chairman Bondy expressed interest in creating and displaying a poster for the event.

Plein Air Photo Exhibit/Photo Fest

Chairman Bondy reported that he selected approximately 52 images and sent a description for the virtual exhibit on the Library's website. Commissioner Carroll stated that the virtual exhibit will be up from May 1 to the end of June.

Chairman Bondy also reported that the photo festival event flyer was updated. Liaison Cerk mentioned that the flyer will be featured as a full-page ad in the Village's next print newsletter. Chairman Bondy mentioned that the 2021 event, scheduled for June 7-June 28, will be more simplified with photo size restrictions. Liaison Cerk will inquire with the Village about displaying a large poster on an easel at Village Hall.

Call to Local Artists

Liaison Cerk will be posting a message in the Village's print newsletter and send an email through Mailchimp. Commissioner Laughlin will coordinate with Liaison Cerk to access the login information. Chairman Bondy is interested in attracting new artists with messages on the Village's social media and website.

Commission Vacancy

Chairman Bondy reported that Commissioner MacVay is moving out of Northbrook and has stepped down from the Arts Commission.

In-Person Events/Plein Air Painting Festival

Commissioner Kotloski reported on the status of hosting in-person events in an outdoor or indoor setting. Chairman Bondy stated that the Commission will not be hosting the Plein Air Painting Festival this year. For future plein air painting events, Chairman Bondy would like to lower prices and restructure the event, possibly hosting it earlier in the year to avoid inclement weather.

Commissioner Schwartz stated that the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce is promoting Northbrook businesses, particularly Dania, as potential event locations.

CAC Healing Hearts Sculpture

Chairman Bondy reported on the progress of the Children's Advocacy Center's (CAC) Healing Hearts sculpture and mentioned the idea of hosting the sculpture at different locations. As a reimbursement to the artist for supplies, Chairman Bondy suggested the Arts Commission provide an additional \$255 to

Heather Killian. Commissioner Sills motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sheban. All were in favor by roll call.

Studio Tours

Kittie Yohe stated that she is willing to plan November studio tours and is considering options.

Adjournment

Commissioner Moyer moved to adjourn, seconded Commissioner Laughlin. All were in favor by roll call and the meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Submitted by
/s/ Kylie Cerk