



## Minutes: April 13, 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, Chris Laughlin (left at 7:15pm), Ernie Halperin, Jerry Block, Madison Vienna, Joei Shavitz, Rob Sills, Bonnie Siegel, Al Alvarez, Eileen Loftus, Marsha Schwartz,

**Commissioners Absent:** Kittie Yohe, Chris Sheban, Karen Mahoney, Sharon Moyer

**Members of the Public:** Former Village President Mark Damisch

#### **Hear from the Audience**

Former Village President Mark Damisch spoke about an upcoming charity concert for Habitat for Humanity taking place on May 21 in Lake Forest.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the January 5, 2023 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sills. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **Finance Report**

Liaison Farrell reported that the most recent bank statement listed a balance of \$6,284.83.

#### **Chamber Music Series**

Commissioner Vienna shared that the series takes place on Sundays at 3pm with the first concert on April 30. The first concert is nearly full and focuses on children. Additional dates include May 7, May 14, and May 21 (1:30).

#### **Ken Call Exhibit**

Commissioner Siegel complimented Commissioner Halperin's snack selection. Commissioner Vienna conducted a post-event survey and commented that most of the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. One common comment was that the music selection didn't quite pair with the type of art. Commissioner Halperin was very pleased with the event. Chairperson Bondy suggested that if the event were to happen again maybe additional time could be allotted to the transitions. The Commission estimated that 80 guests were in attendance. Commissioner Alvarez commented that the artist (Ken Call) was pleased with the turnout. Commissioner Vienna mentioned that January, July and August are great times for these types of events.

#### **Mural Update**

Chairperson Bondy reported that the mural is moving along fairly quickly. The goal is still to have the mural up this spring. He stated that preliminary drawings are being fleshed out and the artist is working on a color painting. He mentioned that President Ciesla and Village Manager Cara approached him to find an artist for a mural on the Edward's Florist building.

## **Northbrook Originals**

Commissioner Block reported that the display is currently up at the library and will remain up through May/beginning of June. Commissioner Block suggested moving the event to June next year due to his travel schedule. He will be away in March 2024. Commissioner Block and Vienna have both received inquiries about a reception event. Commissioner Vienna will contact Kate Hall to discuss a potential reception.

## **Community Event with 6x6 panels**

Commissioner Siegel stated that this idea is still floating around and suggested waiting for Commissioner Yohe to return. Chairperson Bondy referenced a similar project that the library did earlier this year with 3x3 panels. Commissioner Vienna reviewed the basics of the events and mentioned that it was rather easy and low effort to coordinate. Chairperson Bondy and Commissioners Siegel and Yohe will meet to discuss a potential event.

## **Plein Air Photo Event**

Chairperson Bondy reported that we are one month away from ramping up event efforts. The event typically takes place in June. Last year the event included non-Northbrook residents. Chairperson Bondy requested to know how many of the submittals were from non-residents. Staff liaison Farrell requested on behalf of the Sustainability Coordinator that one of the categories for the Plein Air Photo be “pollinators or flowers”. The Commission had no issue.

## **Shermerfest**

Chairperson Bondy reported that Shermerfest is taking place on October 1 this year. He is interested in bringing back the drum circle for which the commission made a deposit but never used.

## **Other Discussion**

Commissioner Block suggested involving the high school or TotalLink in the display cycle at the library. Commissioner Siegel mentioned an art show taking place at TPAC on Sunday from 10am-2pm called True Colors.

Chairperson Bondy mentioned he will likely be absent for the May 4 meeting.

Commissioner Alvarez suggested participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The group discussed potential participation but thought they would have difficulty finding people to walk. Commissioner Shavitz will create a postcard with upcoming events for the Flamingo Friday Kickoff event. Chairperson Bondy is working on a proposal for a mixology class at Eataco

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Block moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Halperin. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by  
/s/ Madeline Farrell