



Minutes: July 6, 2023

Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook

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

Commissioners Present: Bruce Bondy, Eileen Loftus, Jerry Block, Al Alvarez, Bonnie Siegel, Marsha Schwartz, Rob Sills, Kittie Yohe

Commissioners Absent: Chris Laughlin, Karen Mahoney, Chris Sheban, Joei Shavitz, Madison Vienna, Ernie Halperin

Members of the Public: Inana Zomaya and Rhiannon Gurley

Minutes Approval

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the June 1, 2023 meeting minutes for comments or edits. Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Siegel. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Hear from the Audience

None

Finance Report

Liaison Farrell stated that as of May 31, 2023 the bank statement listed a balance of \$9,430.40.

Follow Up on Grapes on the Green

Commissioner Siegel mentioned that the event featured six artists, it was a beautiful evening, and the Daily Herald printed a follow-up article. She was grateful for the support from the Village and Park District. Commissioner Yohe pointed out that while sales were not great that's not necessarily the point of the event and the exposure was nice. The event was well attended with over 500 attendees. The Commission discussed the various logistics and difficulties associated with hiring food trucks. The next Park District event, which is not ticketed, is Party on the Green on August 12 at 4pm. Commissioner Loftus mentioned that if any commissioners are interested in showcasing artwork at the event, they should let her know.

Plein Air Photo Event

The Plein Air Photo event starts Monday, July 10. The three challenges will be announced Mondays at 9am. The Facebook and Instagram ads are currently live. Chairperson Bondy will talk to Commissioner Shavitz about the event poster. Submittals must be under 2MB and can be made by both children and adults. Three challenges posted on Monday mornings.

Drum Circle Event

Chairperson Bondy mentioned that in 2019 there was a contract with Rhythm Revolution to perform but due to COVID the event never took place. He estimated that the contract cost the Commission \$750. In conversation with Judy Hughes regarding Shermerfest, Judy mentioned that the drum circle doesn't

necessarily fit well into the planned activities as Shermerfest is already a full event. The Commission discussed the possibility of hosting a new event or combining the drum circle with another event that has a built-in crowd. The Commission discussed doing something after a Tuesday in the Park concert during sunset. Park District staff will reach out to John Yost from Rhythm Revolution.

Other Discussion

Commissioner Siegel noted that supplies for Chalk-Up Northbrook need to be ordered soon and she will reach out to Commissioner Mahoney to touch base about the event.

The Artists in Residence display is up at the library and will be up through September. Commissioner Block is also talking to TotalLink2 about a final exhibit at the library.

Commissioner Block will have an art exhibit at the oil lamp theater in July.

Commissioner Siegel stated that Ken Call stopped by TPAC and mentioned he is in an art show in Kenosha now and Santa Barbara soon.

Adjournment

Commissioner Yohe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Block. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Submitted by
/s/ Madeline Farrell