



Minutes: July 8, 2021

Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bondy at 7:05pm at Village Hall.

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

Commissioners Absent: Rob Sills

Guests: None

Minutes Approval

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the June 9 meeting minutes. Commissioner Block moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Laughlin. All were in favor by roll call and the motion passed.

Finance Report

Ms. Cerk reported that the bank statement from May 31, 2021, showed a balance of \$17,800.77 in the Friends of the Arts account. Chairman Bondy inquired about payment to the Library for the Chamber Music Series; Commissioner Carroll and Liaison Cerk will follow up on this. Chairman Bondy also reported on the expenditures for the Plein Air Photography Festival prizes. The amount will be approximately \$1,600 to purchase Northbrook restaurant gift cards for the winners.

Plein Air Photography Festival

Chairman Bondy reported that the contest concluded at the end of June, and judges will meet soon to pick the winners of the third and final round. The Commission is considering marketing options for next year, including reaching out to art camps, Nextdoor, flyers, ads in the newspaper, and a budget for Facebook and digital advertising.

Northbrook Originals

Commissioner Block reported that almost all the artists from the prior year's event, which was canceled, were still available to be in the show. Commissioner Block thanked Commissioners Alvarez, Sheban, and Carroll for their assistance in getting the show up. Commissioner Carroll reported that she will be

out at the end of August and will need to appoint someone at the Library to assist with takedown. Commissioner Siegel inquired about adding the art thumbnails to the Library's website. The Commission is considering changes for the art drop-off procedures, such as staffing with Arts Commission volunteers and shortening the window of time that artists can drop off art. Commissioner Block stated that there will be no reception for Northbrook Originals this year.

Commissioner Block is considering ideas for the Artist in Residence show, possibly including some of the photographers from the Plein Air Photography Festival.

Studio Tours

On behalf of Kittie Yohe, Commissioner Siegel reported that the Studio Tours are taking place on Saturday, November 6. Ms. Yohe already sent an email to past participants and followed up with an email sent by Commissioner Laughlin from the Commission's MailChimp account. Commissioner Siegel stated that there will be six artists at the Village Green Center and some artists at individual homes, the Park District's Leisure Center, and TotalLink2 Community. So far, there is a total of eight stops. There will be a nominal fee for the artists' commitment.

Artist Workshops

Commissioner Siegel reported that there are no workshops this year, but she is considering some for spring of next year.

Community Art Initiatives

Color Up Northbrook

Chairman Bondy stated that this community family event, which was proposed by Rhonda Fried, would center around sidewalk chalk art. Chairman Bondy suggested the event be paired with another event, like Shermerfest. The Commission is considering ideas like judging and prizes, location (Village Green or a parking lot), and incorporating downtown businesses in a way that is similar to Homecoming window painting.

Celebration of Northbrook Artists

Commissioner Alvarez reported that he is interested in the Arts Commission hosting a party at Techny Prairie Activity Center that includes music, dancing, and art from Ken Call.

Halloween

Commissioner Kotloski reported that the Park District is hosting a Halloween Decorating Contest and would like to involve the Arts Commission as a sponsor and possibly as judges for the displays.

Adjournment

Commissioner Block moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sheban. All were in favor by roll call and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by
/s/ Kylie Cerk