



## **Minutes: August 5, 2021**

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

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

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Bruce Bondy, Kittie Yohe, Jerry Block, Bonnie Siegel, Rob Sills, 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:** Joei Shavitz

**Guests:** None

#### **Minutes Approval**

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the July 8 meeting minutes. Commissioner Sills moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Laughlin. All were in favor by roll call and the motion passed.

#### **Finance Report**

Liaison Cerk reported that the last bank statement showed a balance of \$13,287.

Commissioner Laughlin inquired about using funds for an April/May 2022 Chamber Concert Series and splitting the cost with the Library. The Commission will discuss in further detail at the next meeting.

#### **September Meeting**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Commission agreed to hold the next meeting on September 9. Chairman Bondy appointed Commissioner Laughlin to lead the meeting in his absence. Commissioner Laughlin moved to approve the meeting date change, seconded by Commissioner Halperin. All were in favor by roll call.

#### **Northbrook Originals/Library Exhibits**

Commissioner Block reported that the Northbrook Originals exhibit is up right now and will be taken down at the end of August. The Artist in Residence show will run from September to October. Commissioner Carroll reported that the Library will be hosting a native artist exhibit from November to December. Commissioner Block stated that TotalLink2 Community is interested in participating in an

art show, possibly from January to February; Commissioner Carroll will check with the Library on availability. Commissioner Block proposed the idea of hosting a show with art from commissioners in the future.

The Commission discussed the use of the Library's website to display thumbnails of the art in the exhibits. It was decided that the Commission would cease this practice to encourage community members to see the art in person and limit the workload on staff.

## **Studio Tours**

Commissioner Yohe reported that she has completed the artist recruitment process and has approximately 15 people interested in participating. A meeting with participants will be hosted at the Park District Leisure Center on August 24. Commissioner Yohe stated that there will be a waiver and registration form. Artists will pay a \$25 fee for participation.

Chairman Bondy inquired about setting up advertising panels at Sunset Foods. The event will be from 11am-4pm with setup taking place at 8:30am. Commissioner Yohe stated that there will be at least seven stops on the tour.

Information about the event was in the Park District's Fall Guide and will be in the Village's print newsletter.

## **Community Art Initiatives**

### Chalk Up Northbrook

Commissioner Mahoney and Commissioner Siegel have been working on the details of the event. Commissioner Mahoney stated that the goal is to target families with children to participate. Each participant will get two squares of sidewalk. Commissioner Siegel reported that she received a donation of two \$100 gift cards from Blick Art Materials. Commissioners are considering hosting Chalk Up Northbrook in conjunction with an existing event, like Shermerfest, Touch-a-Truck, or Autumnfest. Commissioner Mahoney will get in touch with Judy Hughes to inquire about Shermerfest.

Commissioner Mahoney motioned to allocate \$500 for the event budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Laughlin and all were in favor.

### Celebration of Northbrook Artists

Chairman Bondy and Commissioner Alvarez are considering postponing the event to spring.

## Halloween

Commissioner Kotloski reported that the decorating contest was advertised in the Park District's Fall Guide. Sign up for the contest will be free, and members of the Arts Commission will serve as judges. The contest is taking place the week of October 24. A map of homes will be advertised.

## **Artist Workshops**

Commissioner Siegel reported that she is looking into an in-person workshop with artist Spencer Meagher for the end of February at the Village Green Center. She is also considering another workshop in April or May and will check on the availability of artist Michelle Usibelli.

## **Northbrook Arts Commission Website, Facebook & Instagram**

The Commission agreed to start the process of transitioning the Arts Commission website and social media accounts to the Village's website and social media. Commissioner Laughlin moved to approve the change, seconded by Commissioner Block. All were in favor by roll call.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Block moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Halperin. All were in favor by roll call and the meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Submitted by  
/s/ Kylie Cerk