



Minutes: September 7, 2023

Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bondy at 7:00pm at Village Hall.

Commissioners Present: Rob Sills, Madison Vienna, Joei Shavitz, Marsha Schwartz, Bonnie Siegel, Sarah Weinstein, Bruce Bondy, Eileen Loftus, Jerry Block

Commissioners Absent: Chris Laughlin, Kittie Yohe, Karen Mahoney, Ernie Halperin, Chris Sheban, Al Alvarez.

Members of the Public: Janice Weinstein, Curt Funke, Wayne Potrue, Mina Zikri

Minutes Approval

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the August 3, 2023 meeting minutes for comments or edits. Commissioner Schwartz moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sills. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Hear from the Audience

Chairman Bondy formally welcomed Commissioner Weinstein to the Arts Commission. Commissioner Weinstein shared a piece of her work with the Commission and mentioned how much TotalLink2 Community has helped her. She will also have a few pieces in the upcoming October 2 show. Chairman Bondy said it would be beneficial if Commissioner Weinstein were there to help and set the art and plaques up. Curt Funke said they have around 38 pieces of artwork ready to go with the help of Commissioner Block. Terry will see if there is a possibility of a reception.

Finance Report

Liaison Mkrdichian stated that as of July 31, 2023, the bank statement listed a balance of \$9,430.56. This amount does not reflect the gift cards purchased for plein air contest winners.

Shermerfest/ Chalk Up Northbrook

Commissioner Siegel said that Commissioner Mahoney has all 50 bags ready and everything is set for the event. She also mentioned it would be helpful for some of the commissioners to come out to the event and help if possible.

Drum Circle Event Continued Discussion

Commissioner Loftus confirmed John Yost's availability for Autumnfest. The event is looking to be held on Saturday, October 7 from 2-5pm at Meadowhill Park in the velodrome. Chairperson Bondy asked if anyone was willing to help, but no one raised their hand. He will get back to Commissioner Loftus on who will help out. The Commission decided to move forward with the Drum Circle Event. Commissioner Sills moved, seconded by Commissioner Siegel, to approve the additional \$750 for the Drum Circle Event. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion of Brian Sindler Solo Show Event March/April 2024

The Commission discussed moving dates around that would accommodate the upcoming events such as Brian Sindler, Brad Floden, and Northbrook Originals in the beginning of next year. Commissioner Vienna said March will not be available for the Northbrook Originals show because the YMCA has taken it up. Commissioner Block mentioned that he has already spoken to three artists about it. Discussion arose about having these three events simultaneously, but Chairperson Bondy said it might be a good thing since the library is pretty empty during the winter months. The Commission agreed. Chairperson Bondy asked Commissioner Block to speak with the three artists about the date change. He will get back to Commissioner Vienna with a resolution prior to September 20.

Discussion of Exhibition of Northbrook Police & Fire Departments. “To Serve and Protect, Northbrook Edition” Photos by Brad Floden

Chairperson Bondy said this event will be held on the second floor of the library. He mentioned that Brad Floden has done a volunteer ride-along with the Police Department and will soon do a ride-along with the Fire Department. Chairperson Bondy said that as we get closer to the date, we’ll look into an event opening. Commissioner Sills noted depending on the outcome, this might be a good idea to do with other departments such as Public Works. Chairperson Bondy said that might be fun to do as a Plein Air winter challenge. Commissioner Veinna said she would look into dates.

Presentation by Northbrook Symphony, Deb DePalma

Commissioner Schwartz introduced Mina Zikri, the conductor of the Northbrook Symphony. He discussed how the Symphony went from a community orchestra to a professional group. He mentioned a family concert at Glenbrook North High School this Sunday at 4pm. Mina Zikri expressed how the Northbrook Symphony would love to work with the Arts Commission, and offered the 2,000-seat auditorium. Chairperson Bondy said they will explore it in the next year, but he is excited about the collaboration between the Arts Commission and Symphony.

Restaurant Candidates for Culinary Arts Education Series

Chairperson Bondy asked the commission a sub-committee could look for restaurants to do the next culinary art event at. He mentioned possibly expanding it to all different age groups. Eataco, House 406, and Heritage Oaks were some of the names mentioned. The idea of possibly having some appetizers and cocktail-making came up as well. Janice Weinstein said that a local family owns House 406. She will look into it and get back to the Commission.

Announcements & Discussion

Commissioner Siegel proposed the “Paint the Prarie Plein Air Event.” to be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024, as a way to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Trail Through Time, a premier natural park and trail. The commission discussed possibly having a day of wet paint, a showcase day the following date to give more exposure, and perhaps a small reception at the end. The Commission will continue to discuss this.

Adjournment

Commissioner Vienna moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Block. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Submitted by

/s/ Inana Mkrdichian