



Minutes: October 5, 2023

Northbrook Arts Commission Village of Northbrook

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

Commissioners Present: Joei Shavitz, Marsha Schwartz, Bonnie Siegel, Sarah Weinstein, Bruce Bondy, Eileen Loftus, Jerry Block, Chris Laughlin, Karen Mahoney, Ernie Halperin

Commissioners Absent: Madison Vienna, Rob Sills, Kittie Yohe, Al Alvarez, Chris Sheban

Members of the Public: Michelle Pollina, Joan Martin

Minutes Approval

Chairman Bondy asked the Commissioners to review the September 7, 2023, meeting minutes for comments or edits. Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Block. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Hear from the Audience

Joan Martin, who was filling in for Curt Funke, introduced herself to the Commission and shared that she's an artist herself.

TotalLink2 Community Report

Commissioner Weinstein discussed the TotalLink2 Community Art Exhibit and invited the Commission to an Inclusion in the Workspace event that TotalLink is hosting on October 13 at First Bank Chicago. This event will showcase employers who have successfully hired TotalLink2 Community members. She mentioned how TotalLink helped her get her job at ABT Electronics.

Finance Report

Liaison Mkrdichian stated that as of August 31, 2023, the bank statement listed a balance of \$9,430.64.

Shermerfest/ Chalk Up Northbrook Recap

Commissioner Mahoney reported low attendance this year, but those that showed up were kids aged 6-10 years old. Sunday Football games might have affected turnout. Chairperson Bondy inquired about event photos, but none were taken; the commission noted to capture them in the future. Commissioner Mahoney suggested omitting sponges from next year's kits due to non-use, ordering extra chalk, and writing 'free event' on next year's flyers. Commissioner Schwartz proposed incorporating Arts Commission branding on or in the bags for the upcoming year.

Drum Circle Event Continued Discussion | Commissioners Present at Event

Autumnfest is on Saturday, October 7, with the drum circle events at 2:30pm and 3:30pm. Commissioner Loftus raised concerns about low temperatures affecting attendance. Commissioners Shavitz and Sills will assist on Saturday. Chairperson Bondy asked Commissioner Halperin to take photos, and Commissioner Loftus added that the Park District's photographers will also be present. She also reminded the Commission of their tent for this and any future events.

Discussion of Brian Sindler Solo Show Event Opening

The Commission needs to set an opening date and consult with Commissioner Vienna, who was not present at this meeting. Commissioner Laughlin inquired about using the Village's camera to record the event. Commissioner Block suggested soft background music in a discussion about what music to play, and Commissioner Laughlin said jazz. In the meantime, Chairperson Bondy will request Brian's biography. Commissioner Block stated that he would like to be involved with this event.

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

The event's opening date will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024, on the second floor of the library. Chairperson Bondy said the Plein Air display panels will be set up, which will be an excellent way to concentrate the artwork. He mentioned setting a budget for food, maybe coffee and donuts. Michelle Polina asked if this event has a flyer to push out to schools. Liaison Mkrdichian will create one.

Restaurant Candidates for Culinary Arts Education Series

Commissioner Schwartz said that the purpose of this event is to bring people together and highlight one establishment. As the discussion continued, many nearby restaurant names were mentioned. Chairperson Bondy volunteered to be on a subcommittee with Commissioner Schwartz and Michelle Pollina to research and pick three restaurant options to bring back to the Commission.

Announcements & Discussion

Commissioner Block discussed the success of the Totallink2 Community exhibit and the long hours he put in. Chairperson Bondy thanked Commissioner Block and praised the exhibit, complimenting the labels and layout.

Commissioner Siegel is looking to hold the Paint the Prairie Plein Air Event on Sunday, September 8, 2024. Commissioner Loftus reminded Commissioner Siegel that she has to discuss the details with her prior to reserving rooms and putting together a budget. The two Commissioners will discuss this further.

Commissioner Siegel also mentioned an art exhibit in Lake Zurich next week and Paint the Town Barrington. She urged Commissioners to visit Barrington's White House if they've never seen it.

Commissioner Loftus said the Park District is bringing back two kid's productions: 'Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!' throughout November, and 'Wake up, Brother Bear!' at the end of October into November.

Liaison Mkrdichian reminded the Commission about Family Dinner on November 2 at 6pm, which conflicts with the next Arts Commission Meeting. Chairperson Bondy suggested rescheduling to November 9; and if that didn't work, it would be rescheduled for a later date in November.

Adjournment

Commissioner Halperin moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Laughlin. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Submitted by
/s/ Inana Mkrdichian