



## **Minutes: November 9, 2023**

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Siegel at 7:00pm at Village Hall.

**Commissioners Present:** Bonnie Siegel, Madison Vienna, Rob Sills, Marsha Schwartz, Chris Laughlin, Ernie Halperin, Kittie Yohe, Jerry Block, Joei Shavitz, Al Alvarez

**Commissioners Absent:** Bruce Bondy, Eileen Loftus, Sarah Weinstein, Karen Mahoney, Chris Sheban

**Members of the Public:** Michelle Pollina

#### **Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Siegel asked the Commissioners to review the October 5, 2023, meeting minutes for comments or edits. Commissioner Laughlin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

#### **Hear from the Audience**

None.

#### **TotalLink2 Community Report**

Commissioner Weinstein was not present at this meeting.

#### **Finance Report**

Liaison Mkrdichian stated that as of October 31, 2023, the bank statement listed a balance of \$4,822.05. This change comes after Plein Air gift cards, Chalk Up supplies, Rhythm Revolution, Chamber Music Series at the library, and Ken Call Reception Refreshments.

#### **Drum Circle Event Recap**

Commissioner Siegel expressed the park district's enthusiasm for the drum circle and expressed a desire to organize it again. Commissioner Laughlin commended the engaging leadership of the person in charge, noting their ability to captivate everyone involved. Commissioner Sills mentioned that the drum circle took place in the Velodrome behind the building, which might have been too hidden for some people to see.

#### **Continued Discussion of Brian Sindler Solo Show Event Opening**

Commissioner Vienna said this event would be going on at the same time as the Brad Floden event. Commissioner Block said that he is waiting for Chairperson Bondy to select images and photographs for the show. The Commission will continue to discuss this topic.

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

Commissioner Halperin volunteered to pick up the food as the Commissioners discussed what type to get for the reception. Commissioner Vienna said that late January is a good time for this event because if

it was earlier, it might not work due to New Year's and finals. There will be more discussion on this topic in the next meeting.

### **Restaurant Candidates for Culinary Arts Education Series | Subcommittee Update**

Commissioner Schwartz asked the Commission if any of them had connections to the following restaurants: Prairie Grass, House 106, Francesca's North, Eataco, Basu, and Trattoria Oliverii. Other Commissioners mentioned Marcello's, Maharaj, Prairie Grass Café, and Punky Cakes as other options. Commissioner Schwartz said she hopes this event would be held sometime in the late winter or springtime, and if it goes well, it could be a reoccurring event with different restaurants. The Commission will continue to discuss this topic further.

### **Paint the Prairie Plein Air Event Update**

Commissioner Siegel expressed the Park District's enthusiasm for this event. Commissioner Yohe volunteered to join the Paint the Prairie Plein Air work group which will meet to discuss this event's logistics. The event will occur from September 6-8, 2024, and every commissioner on the Arts Commission is encouraged to participate. The Park District hopes to display the artwork at Techny Prairie following the event. The Park District will also register artists and take payments and will handle sales through their system. Commissioner Sills brought up the possibility of having a workshop at the Leisure Center to direct artists on which equipment to use, etc. The Commission will continue to discuss this topic further.

### **Announcements & Discussion**

Commissioner Schwartz and Laughlin discussed branding and signage for future events, and the possibility of having press releases for Arts Commission events.

Commissioner Alvarez shared with the Commission that his daughter is in Madrid, Spain, where she's professionally performing Flamenco. He said that he got to visit, and he loved it.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Halperin moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Submitted by  
/s/ Inana Mkrdichian