



PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

May 9, 2016

5:00 p.m.

- Members present: Chair Lindsay Brubaker – Niles Park District
Janet Spector Bishop – School District 63
Michael Crisci – Niles Historical Society
Mary Dowd Demas – Artist
Debi Gajewski – Artist
James Kozak – VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)
Susan Lempke – Niles Public Library
Carol Luc – Artist
Katie Schneider – Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Ericka Stoor-Burning – Artist
- Staff present: Village Manager and Project Manager Steven Vinezeano
Staff Liaison Cathy Spadoni
- Members absent: Dr. John Kosirog – School District 71
Rossana Macejak – Niles Sister Cities
Jonathan Mazur – Artist
- Staff absent: Mayor Andrew Przybylo
Trustee George D. Alpogianis

I. Call to Order

Chair Lindsay Brubaker called the meeting of the Public Arts & Culture Advisory Council to order at 5:04 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Niles Historical and Cultural Center, 8970 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

II. Approval of Meeting Summary

Debi Gajewski made a motion, seconded by Steve Vinezeano, to approve the meeting summary of April 11, 2016. On voice vote, all concurred.

III. Organization Representative Report

Niles Public Library - Susan Lempke reported on the upcoming album cover art exhibit. Artwork is due May 13 and 14 and will be exhibited in June. This program is open to adults.

Artist Mary Dowd Demas is trying to build awareness of arts and culture in Niles at her shop.

VFW - Jim Kozak reported that there is discussion to merge the Niles VFW with the Park Ridge VFW. The 70th anniversary party of the VFW will take place on June 26.

School District 63 - Janet Spector Bishop reported that there may be an opportunity for greater participation in the arts when the new principal of Gemini comes on board on June 1. District 63 is partnering with the library on the Summer Reading Program.

Niles Park District - Lindsay Brubaker reported that all summer activities are up and running.

Village Manager Steve Vinezeano reported that the Arts and Culture budget is expected to be approved at the May 24 Board of Trustees meeting. The RFP for the Master Plan will go out in May with a due date of June 15. The proposals will be reviewed by the Council in July. Public Services is working on the snow plow project (Mobile Murals Program). The Village will move forward with enhanced web activity when the new Communications Coordinator is hired.

Niles Chamber of Commerce - Katie Schneider reported that the Chamber and the Niles Park District are sponsoring a rubber duck race this summer for the scholarship program.

Niles Historical Museum and Cultural Center - Mike Crisci reported on upcoming events at the Historical Center and opportunities to partner with the library. The Center is host to the monthly meetings of the Illinois Mycological Association (mushrooms).

Artist Debi Gajewski reported on her artistic endeavors. Plans for a Cemetery Walk have been cancelled, but she is hoping to host a Twilight Historical Living Tour that will incorporate Niles history and its residents. This event may be held at the Historical Museum. She also presented the idea of a photo project with moms and their children.

Artist Carol Luc reported on Faces Not Forgotten – painted portraits of children lost to gun violence. Each image is digitized and printed on a quilt that will travel the country.

Secretary Cathy Spadoni reported that Artist Jonathan Mazur has resigned from the Council because the meeting times conflict with his work schedule.

IV. Old Business

Review of Draft of Arts Project Proposal Guidelines

While members were asked to come up with a catchy title for the document, it was decided that “Niles Arts and Culture Project” is simple and straightforward and will not be confused with the theme “It’s Possible Here: Reflections on the American Dream.”

Council members reviewed the document as amended per the last meeting and suggested adding the theme and the total budgeted amount, and determined the submission deadline of August 1, 2016. The final document will be announced to the public via press releases in late May.

V. New Business

Discussion of the Logo

The Council discussed what they would like to see in the new Arts & Culture Council logo. Ericka Stoor-Burning submitted two sketches for consideration. The following suggestions and the sketches will be presented to LS+Team, the firm who will create the logo.

- The colors should be consistent with the Village's current logo.
- Slogans
 - Share the Flair
 - Passport to Arts & Culture
 - Passport to Possibilities
- Symbols
 - Leaning Tower
 - Clock, with art symbols marking the quarter hour
 - Passport

VI. Open Discussion

Bike Niles will be held on June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Notre Dame College Prep.

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Next Meeting

The June 13 meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Niles Historical & Cultural Center.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Janet Spector Bishop made a motion, seconded by Debi Gajewski, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.