



**PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Carol Luc - Artist
Alicia Bermes – Niles Chamber of Commerce
Janet Spector Bishop – School District 63
Barbara Karawacki – Niles Historical Society
Susan Lempke – Niles Public Library

Steven Vinezeano – VFW Post 3579
Marina Samovsky - Photographer
Kathleen Gallegos – Artist / The Artist Studio
Debi Gajewski – Artist

Members Absent:

Chair Lindsay Brubaker – Niles Park District
John Kosirog – School District 71

Edward Eubank – School District 207

Village Officials/Staff Present:

Katie Schneider – Community Engagement Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Steve Vinezeano called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the Niles Administration Building, 2nd Floor Middle Conference Room.

II. Approval of Meeting Summary

Minutes were reviewed. Kathleen Gallegos made a motion to accept the February Minutes. Susan Lempke second the motion, all were in favor; none opposed. The February Minutes were approved.

III. Organization Representative Reports

Steve Vinezeano (Niles VFW) the Niles VFW just merged with Glenview, so they are now made up of Skokie, Park Ridge, Niles and Glenview. They will hold their annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27th at the Niles waterfall.

Katie Schneider (Village of Niles) announced that the 4th of July Parade will have a Films in Illinois theme and are asking local organizations to be creative with their entry. A flyer was distributed.

Kathleen Gallegos (Art Station Studio) continues to host her BYOB Glow in the Dark parties and has a corporate paint party. She continues to work with the Shriners I kids' hospital.

Debi Gajewski (Artist) is doing a one woman exhibit in Bartlett with a reception on May 21st. She also submitted for the West Chicago Village and her piece is being made into a banner that will hang during their downtown festival.

Barbara Karawacki (Niles Historical Society) announced the Niles Historical Society "Historical Yard Sale" event on May 11. They have reviewed and researched many of the artifacts and will find new homes for duplicate and irrelevant pieces. They did just receive an old sign (A Place Where People Count slogan) that was buried at Public Works and will be posting it in the museum.

Susan Lempke (Niles-Maine District Library) announced the library is celebrating its 60th Anniversary; they will have a reception and exhibit to showcase 60 years.

Marina Samovsky (Photographer) said was a busy time of year and had been photographing events.

Alicia Bermes (Niles Chamber of Commerce) the Chamber will be holding their Night of Roses event and scholarship raffle. She also reminded the group that all members (most people on the council are) can post their events on the Chamber website through the member portal; for log-in credentials, contact Alicia or the Chamber office.

Carol Luc (Artist) was asked to be a juror for an Illinois Community College Annual Exhibition.

Janet Spector Bishop (School District 63) did not have new updates from the district, but did encourage us to see the plein air in Northbrook.

Guest: Ramon Alkevrdi is a senior at Maine South and was in attendance as part of a Civic Engagement government class.

IV. Niles Artisan Guild

Debi Gajewski announced the Festive Fronts, Gardens and Landmarks of Niles where artists will portray different Niles house fronts, gardens and landmarks in a variety of mediums that will be on display and later for sale. They are currently looking for sponsors and submissions for fronts and gardens.

They are working on rotating art for Village Hall and tentatively the Family Fitness Center. Katie Schneider is helping to coordinate installation and placement.

V. Old Business

a. ***A Day in the Life of Project*** Katie and Marina set a date for September 19, 2019 (9-19-19) and are working on letters to possible participants, organizations and stakeholders to get involved with the project. More to come next meeting.

VI. New Business

a. A grant application was submitted from the Niles Metropolitan Chorus. After discussion, Janet Bishop made a motion to award \$500 if the chorus specifies one concert and markets it to family and kids in the area. Barbara Karawacki second the motion; 8 voted in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion carries. Katie will contact the group to move forward.

The committee also discussed the grant process moving forward and will continue to discuss revisions at the next meeting.

VII. Open Discussion

Kim Wasilewski emailed to let council members know that he is resigning due to changes in his work schedule. We are currently accepting resumes of potential member to take his seat. The Mayor will review and appoint someone.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Next Meeting

Next Meeting is on Monday, May 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Janet Spector Bishop made a motion to adjourn, Steve Vinezeano second. All were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.