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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021
MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF OSWEGO
MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Attended: Karen Kulzer, Tony Pastore, Jennifer Putzier, Kristie Vest, Julie Hoffman

Absent: Katie Marter, Angie Hibben, Tamzin Ritchie

START OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Tony Pastore and seconded by Kristie Vest.

PUBLIC FORUM

Opened and closed at 6:14 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Julie presented written copies of the September 15, 2021, minutes for approval. Motion to approve by Jennifer Putzier, seconded by Karen Kulzer. The minutes were approved.

There were no meeting minutes to approve for October. The October meeting was cancelled due to not enough Commissioners present to form a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Art at Village Hall
 - a. Julie conveyed that the Winter Card exhibit only had two submissions to date, on top of those submitted by the Commissioners.
 - b. Julie asked if the Commission wanted to extend the deadline for submissions. The deadline was extended to December 10.
 - c. FRAMA and the White School House offered to have cards available.
 - d. It was decided that distributing them to District 308 wouldn't be beneficial at the time since the teachers likely had their hands full.
 - e. It was suggested that the best way to give postcards out was at events. Julie conveyed that she had given them out at the Coffee with the Mayor events at the Amphitheater in September.
 - f. Tony offered to take some with him to give to his daughter in case she and some of the National Arts Honor Society students would like to participate.
2. Downtown Mural
 - a. The revised mural proposal by artist, Jason Watts, was passed circulated. It included the revised mural and budget.
 - b. Tony felt that it looked good.



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- c. Jennifer expressed that having the budget reduced was also positive.
- d. Kristie and Karen liked the addition of the cyclist.
- e. It was asked whether Art Black, Building Owner, was fully on board with the mural project, along with his tenants. Julie conveyed that she had been told that Art Black was on board, however, she would need to get back with the group to inform them if the tenants were on board.
- f. The Commissioners present unanimously asked that the tenants were shown what to expect ahead of time to avoid any surprises.
- g. Tony asked if he could share this project. Julie conveyed that she would check and get back to him.

NEW BUSINESS

1. LUNAFEST

- a. For the upcoming February 19, 2022, LUNAFEST date, Tony suggested that the art exhibit on the wall at Village Hall be aligned with a LUNAFEST theme. (i.e. Women in the arts or an artist who's theme sparks change.)
- b. Julie conveyed that the films would not be released until the week prior and committed to checking to be sure the February 19 date was still possible with LUNAFEST.
- c. It was suggested that a marketing partnership with Chocolate Walk be considered.

2. CULTURALLY FOCUSED EVENT PROPOSAL

- a. Julie presented an opportunity to consider a future multi-cultural event which was presented to the Village by Sabash George, Historical Preservation Commissioner.
- b. Those present expressed interest in the event concept being pursued further.
- c. Discussion points included:
 - i. Include a "Culinary Expo Around the world" concept.
 - ii. Minneapolis has a "Festival of Nations" that could be investigated.
 - iii. Cultural Diversity is needed rather than focusing one culture.
 - iv. The experience would be better if it was all-inclusive for one price instead of a "pay-as-you-go" scenario.
 - v. A sub-committee including people within the cultures and communities represented was encouraged.
 - vi. For food, consider a model beyond "just food trucks".
 - vii. Consider a multi-cultural show for the Main Stage.

STAFF REPORTS

- Julie conveyed that Tony Pastore had been appointed to the position of Cultural Arts Commission Chair following Tamzin Ritchie stepping down from the Chair position.
- Julie conveyed that Jenette Sturges had left the Village of Oswego to take a new position with the Village of Park Forest.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- None



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NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2022

ADJOURNMENT 7:05 p.m.

Tony Pastore motioned to adjourn with Kristie Vest seconding the motion.