

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022
MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION VILLAGE OF OSWEGO
MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Attended: Tony Pastore, Karen Kulzer, Jennifer Putzier and Julie Hoffman

Absent: Katie Marter and Kristie Vest

START OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Tony Pastore and seconded by Karen Kulzer.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum was opened at 6:06 p.m. The guest in attendance included Robin Hrovot. The Public Comments given was that she was present to see and hear the discussion about the bike rack proposal submitted by "All Kinds". The Public Forum was closed at 6:07 p.m.

MINUTES

Tony Pastore made a motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes as amended. Jennifer Putzier seconded the motion. Amendments included the following:

1. Banner quilts were installed along Rt. 34 at the Pearce Home, not at Limelight Theater
2. Under Village Hall Exhibits, an "n" as added to the word, "Commission"
3. Tony Pastore was added as being present under Roll Call; not absent

OLD BUSINESS

Art at Village Hall:

1. On the application, it was recommended that a photo on a .pdf be added to include the dimensions of the available space on each wall.
2. The Village has art that has been previously purchased to display where the empty spaces are.
3. Karen recommended reaching out to the Kendall Arts Guild to obtain some art pieces to fill some of the open exhibit space.
4. The current applications for the 2023 exhibits were previewed.
 - a. The Commission requested more information from Jose Treo Maya for further consideration and from David Taylor for a more up-to-date submission of his work.
 - b. Karen suggested that single art piece submissions by Riley and Reagan Zielke be directed to the Hometown Expo art contest.
5. Discussion was had about exploring other locations for glass on pedestals. Students may be more apt to apply who can't or don't display on walls as well.

Downtown Mural:

A Zoom call was initiated with Megan Dell-Arringa of Floral Expressions & Gifts at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of commissioning an artist to paint a mural on panels to affix to their building. The following summarizes the talking points:

1. Megan is interested in exploring subject matter painted on panels to be mounted on the side of her brick building.
2. Karen felt that the brick wall to be considered should be on the parking lot side of the building.

3. Tony prefers the side facing Jackson St.
4. Inclusion of floral elements are preferred in some way, along with outdoor elements, water (but not water sports), color, and omission of people.
5. Tony asked if the theme might work with a “hometown feel”, possibly something with a Farmers Market (i.e. music notes; shopping bags; flowers, etc.)

The following questions/comments were given by Megan:

1. What guarantee do they have on it?
2. What medium would be used?
3. Whose responsibility is it for the upkeep?
4. No more than 1/3 of the size of the wall would be considered for the mural

The Commission suggested going back to the original document that they started with, which could help them start moving forward once again. Following this review of concepts and themes, the information can be given to Muralist, Jason Watts, to work with.

Bike Racks:

A Power Point Presentation as presented with designs by, *It Takes All Kinds*. After reviewing the slides, the following Commissioner comments were made:

1. It's unique.
2. Match the purple design more with the purple flower.
3. It's expensive with the lowest level option being quoted at \$10,000, per flower, including guesstimated manufacturing costs.
4. Julie conveyed that she'd do a “gut check” with the Village Administration to see if those kinds of dollars would be considered.
5. It would be fun to see this through if it wasn't too expensive.
6. We need a 3-D representation or rendering of it.
7. There needs to be a higher stem on the purple flower.
8. Safety consideration has to be given so that children don't climb on them.

2023 Meeting Schedule:

A vote was taken regarding the meeting schedule for 2023. All three commissioners who were present voted to meet once a month, as opposed to the other proposed option of meeting once every other month.

STAFF REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Karen asked if anyone knew who did the graffiti under the train bridge? Was it planned? Who was the artist? It would be cool to do more with this artist in Oswego. It said, “Property of IL Railway Burlington Railroad” on it.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM. A motion was made by Tony Pastore and seconded by Jennifer Putzier.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall