

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023
MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION VILLAGE OF OSWEGO
MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Attended: Jennifer Putzier, Karen Kulzer and Katie Marter

Absent: Tony Pastore and Kristie Vest

START OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Karen and seconded by Jennifer.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum was opened at 6:08 p.m. Lisette Padilla introduced herself. It was closed at 6:09 p.m.

MINUTES

Katie motioned to approve the February 8, 2023, minutes, as amended. Jennifer seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Art at Village Hall:

Gerardo Rios' art is on display at Village Hall from now through July 24, 2023

Mural update:

If the mural cannot go on the opposite side of the Floral Expressions building, the next place to look would possibly be on the overpass near Rt. 25 by Violet Patch Park or along a bike path, which Julie will look further into.

The side of the building at 113 Main would be in an alleyway and not very visible.

Bike Racks:

Installation will begin on the corner of Van Buren and Main Streets as soon as the new vendor is ready to incorporate it into the water main project.

River Art:

Julie conveyed that the bridge over the river is in question (i.e. whether it will be reconstructed; torn down, etc.) so it was advised that the CAC put their energy into three different projects to present to the Board in early 2024 so they can give their direction on the one that they prefer.

Fiscal Year 2025 Project Brainstorming:

1. Landscape art design at Venue 1012 along walking paths; does not have to be a permanent installation.
 - a. Look at The Garden of Cosmic Speculation
This book tells the story of one of the most important gardens in Europe, created by the architectural critic and designer Charles Jencks and his late wife, the landscape architect and author Maggie Keswick.
 - b. Consider funky elements of pots in landscape architecture.
 - c. Create art to play in or on in the playground.

- d. Tie music into the walking path as patrons walk by.
- e. Redirect the shaping of the path around the water feature.

2. Events

- a. Consider checking out the Diwali Festival in Naperville, a sizeable Indian event and putting on something like that in Oswego .
- b. Consider historical events that have occurred and bring one of them back.
- c. Keep the film festival concept going.
- d. Resurrect LitFest
- e. Art Off the Rails
 - i. Musician, literary artist; sculptor, etc. Pair businesses with artists.
 - ii. The artist goes to the business for an evening to present their craft or their display (like First Fridays)
- f. Spring Into the Arts – Location - Village Hall lobby
 - i. Bring in dancers; poets; authors; actors, etc., and provide refreshments.
 - ii. Integrate filmmakers.
- g. Downtown Main Street Art Fair

STAFF REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall