

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**  
**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Tony Pastore, Karen Kulzer, Katie Marter, Kristie Vest and Julie Hoffman  
(staff)

Absent: Jennifer Putzier

**START OF MEETING**

A motion to begin the meeting was made by Tony and seconded by Karen at 6:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

The Public Forum was opened at 6:12 p.m. and closed at 6:59 p.m.

Bridget Piekarczyk, a teacher at Hunt Club, spoke about a program called “Banner Up” in which students from Berkley, MI were able to be selected to have their artwork displayed on street poles. Berkley Shines is the name of their video from Berkely, MI.

**MINUTES**

August 9, 2023, minutes - Motion to approve as written by Karen and seconded by Kristie.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mural

Jason Watts, Muralist suggested that due to the size of the wall, it would be cost-prohibitive, to paint on panels and suggested that the Village ask if Art Black would allow painting on the building. Julie spoke to Mr. Black who agreed to it.

The Commissioners agreed that having large panels would be hard to find a new home for anyway in the future, so there was consensus that it should be gotten up and enjoyed while it could be.

As far as the location and height on the building, it was to be centered but high enough where a graffiti artist may not be able to easily reach it.

It was recommended that flood lights be put up on it; solar would be least expensive. Julie said she would investigate whether or not they could be added at this time.

Art-Focused Event

Brief discussion was held about the timing of a possible 2024 event by the river; possibly in August, September or October. Because the construction of Phase of the Shodeen Project was rumored to be starting, Julie said she’s contact Shodeen to get an update since we could do an event in the parks but the river with a construction project going on.

Consider doing on Art in the Park event on Saturday of the same weekend that Fox Fall Fest is downtown on Sunday.

Tony suggested an “Artober Fest”.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Banner Up Program Discussion:

When discussing program cost, Bridget commented that the printing costs are covered for each because in Berkley, MI, the student's parents purchased the banner for the same price as the printing.

It was initially suggested that the program be done on 12 downtown street poles for 6 mos. and then switched out. If 65 banners were put up in Oswego, they could go on Main St. Harrison St., Adams St. Jackson St., plus however many would be able to go up on Van Buren St.

Bridget thought approaching is from a "less is more" perspective may allow the school district to engage in the beginning. Karen thought that not every teacher would be on board right away.

To select the art, it was suggested that bigger schools could have more representation and smaller schools could have fewer.

Katie asked who the sponsoring organization would be.

Kristie said that this needs to start with a Budget. The consideration identified included:

- Cost
- Quantity
- Creation Criteria
- Timing (i.e. end of the school year through November 1)
- Possible kick-off event at the schools

It was suggested that a printer come to the next meeting to discuss colors and materials.

Katie thought if it helped, a different color scheme could be assigned to each grade.

Tony added that the CAC could have a booth at the Culture/Art event that is being considered in 2024 so that stuff could be sold that's associated with the artwork on the banners.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### Julie Hoffman: Village of Oswego

Christina Burns will be leaving the Village of Oswego on October 4 to take a job as the Kendall County Administrator.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

### Karen Kulzer: Fox River Academy of Music & Art

FRAMA will be having musical performances all day at the Farmer's Market. October 1 is Fox Fall Fest downtown.

Kristie Vest: Oswegoland Park District

Brew at the Bridge is taking place from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. on September 16 with 17 breweries and 3 distilleries present. The barn quilt will be on display. Auditions for Limelight Theater are taking place. The Park District is hiring a Special Event person and two others.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tony made the motion to adjourn, and Katie seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.