

Wednesday, July 10, 2024
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Michelle Meyers, Dana Rickard, Katie Marter, Karen Holzer, Bridget Bittman (staff)
Absent: Tony Pastore, Kristie Vest

START OF MEETING

A motion to begin the meeting was made at 6:13 p.m. by Karen Kulzer, seconded by Dana Rickard.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum was open and closed at 6:14 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 18, 2024 minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum for commissioners who attended the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

CAC Outside public art event on June 27:

Dana Rickard asked if the public was aware of the dedication ceremony and suggested announcing several weeks in advance for next year's projects.

Banner Up Project:

Karen Kulzer asked if it's possible to create a website with art thumbnails and list students by first name and last name first initial by school.

There was discussion about listing schools and not pointing out publicly who didn't participate this year. Karen Kulzer added that next year's project should include homeschooled students

Functional Public Art Bicycle Stands:

Commissioners directed that the approved name for bike rack signage is "Functional Public Art Bicycle Stands." Karen Kulzer advised she would like to paint the electric box or apply a painted skin to identify the project and add a color design to the corner of Van Buren and Main Streets. Michelle Meyers said that Aurora has painted electric boxes. Karen Kulzer said she will call Aurora for tips on how to propose to ComEd since the CAC's requests have been denied in the past. Bridget Bittman will ask about assisting the CAC with signage and website for both projects.

Potential public mural on grain storage building at Van Buren & Adams: Bridget Bittman reported that building owner Brad Smith agreed to let the Village use the structure, as well as the two silos on his property. He would like to review the artwork ahead of painting. Bridget Bittman was advised to contact muralist Jason Watts to ask for a quote and advise that the CAC is seeking a more geometric design that focuses on the river and the Commission is flexible with the design. Karen Kulzer suggested asking about doing half the project this budget year and the next half in 2025 budget year.

For FY2025 projects, attendees suggested continuing the banner program. Karen Kulzer suggested keeping the banners at the same time. Katie Marter agreed to do the graphic design and resizing for the banners. In addition, attendees would like to propose a mural or half of the proposed Jason Watt's mural for 2024.

STAFF REPORTS: Bridget's first meeting as liaison.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

The following commissioners did not have reports: Katie Marter, Michelle Meyers.

Dana Rickard mentioned she was chalk painting for her senior student at the high school on August 14 and invited other commissioners to stop by and see the work.

Karen Kulzer said that FRAMA will have a community art project and music performance at the July 21 Oswego Country Market. She also mentioned art installations at the Oswego Senior and Community Center that are being donated by the Kendall Arts Guild.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on August 14. A commissioner reminded the group to add a discussion for the 2025 call for artists at Village Hall. The 2025 artists will be voted on at the CAC's November meeting.

Katie Marter made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Meyers seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.