

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on February 17, 2025. Chairperson Spicuzza called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ATTENDANCE

A. Spicuzza took attendance. It indicated as follows:

Commission Attendance

PRESENT: Chairman Spicuzza, Commissioner Esson, Commissioner Justman, Commissioner Bayoneto, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Yim, Commissioner Woodard

ABSENT: Commissioner Kalmanovsky, Commissioner Matousek

Village Attendance

PRESENT: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner; Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Two individuals from the public introduced themselves and shared the type of art form they practice.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the October 21, 2024 Minutes

Motion by J. Justman, seconded by G. Smith to approve the October 21, 2024 meeting minutes.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Jeff Justman
SECONDER:	Commissioner Gail Smith
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Approval of the November 18, 2024 Minutes

Motion by J. Justman, seconded by C. Bayoneto to approve the November 18, 2024 meeting minutes as amended.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Jeff Justman
SECONDER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Approval of the January 20, 2025 Minutes

Motion by S. Esson, seconded by G. Smith to approve the January 20, 2025 meeting minutes.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Sue Esson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Gail Smith
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Art Plan

There were no updates.

Lure of the Local

The Commission had a brief discussion about a few items that need to be finalized. The subcommittee will meet in the upcoming months to discuss these items.

Scholarship Program

S. Esson provided the Commission with an update on the Scholarship Program and stated that she and C. Bayoneto will hold interviews in the upcoming weeks. Staff will reserve VH101 for the subcommittee to conduct interviews.

Indoor Art Program

There were no updates.

Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

J. Justman informed the Commission that he would like to host the Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at the parklet on Park Street. The time of this event is to be determined.

Poetry Showcase

J. Justman informed the Commission that he would like to host the Poetry and Storytelling Showcase on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at the parklet on Park Street. The time of this event is to be determined.

S'Murals

C. Woodard updated the Commission on S'Murals and the next steps. She will create a call for artists for this program and, once she has collected a handful of artists, create a bank of artists. She will be a matchmaker between the artists and building/property owners. She is aiming for this project to start in the spring of 2025. Staff is currently working on proposing a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to change the regulations for murals.

Greg's Frozen Custard expressed interest in being one of the locations considered for a S'Mural.

Stars on Parade

C. Woodard will create a call for artists for the Marigolds, Monarchs, and Mexican Heritage Star. The subcommittee will walk among the stars to assess their condition after the winter season is over.

Hand Sculpture

The artist, Meg White, is still in the process of working on the hand sculpture. She has recorded snippets of her sculpting the hand, and C. Malec informed the commission to check out her YouTube channel. C. Malec also mentioned that we should post updates on Meg White's progress in the upcoming weeks on MAC's social media platforms.

Beautification Committee

C. Woodard gave the commission an update on the Beautification Committee and their upcoming projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Band (C. Bayoneto)

There were no updates.

Percent for the Arts (S. Kalmanovsky)

There were no updates.

NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

Table at MHS Art Show

C. Malec mentioned to the commission that Mundelein High School invited the MAC to their student art show. C. Woodard volunteered to participate on behalf of the commission.

New Business Cards

C. Malec informed the commission that if they would like updated business cards, since the former email address is no longer functioning, it would cost \$70 for each commissioner to receive new cards. Staff recommended printing their email addresses on sheets of stickers for the commissioners to place over their existing email addresses.

ComEd Powering Communities Grant Program

C. Malec informed the commission about the ComEd Powering Communities Grant Program. She provided background information regarding the grant, and R. Yim said she would look into it and get back to the commission to determine whether the commission's proposed project meets the grant's eligibility requirements.

ArtsLink North Directory (S. Esson)

S. Esson found the ArtsLink North Directory, which is a directory of northern Illinois arts events, attractions, businesses, and organizations. She suggested that we add the MAC to the directory. Staff will look further into this and will provide the commission with an update at an upcoming meeting.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

- C. Woodard reached out to the Dandelion Gallery in Waukegan to inquire about how to make spray chalk art more permanent. The Dandelion Gallery mentioned that they use tempera paint for sidewalk chalk art. C. Woodard also noted that misting the spray chalk with water would help it bond to the sidewalk. Additionally, C. Woodard suggested contacting artists to create chalk art on the Courtland Commons sidewalks closer to Mundelein Days in July 2025.
- A. Spicuzza plans to organize the MAC's storage room in the coming weeks. She will communicate with the staff to find a time to do so.

- At the January meeting, Mike Flynn from the Mundelein Community Connection and Historical Commission provided the MAC with their yearly calendar of events. C. Malec will email a copy of the calendars to the commission in the coming weeks.
- C. Woodard would like to create an art-related project for Old #1's 100th anniversary. Staff will promote the Old #1 Committee's Star on MAC social media platforms near the anniversary date.
- J. Justman mentioned to the commission that the MAC should rent a booth at the Mundelein Arts Fair to promote the Lure of the Local. C. Woodard will look into this request.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by G. Smith, seconded by S. Esson to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Gail Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Sue Esson
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner
 Recording Secretary