

AGENDA

MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Village Hall - Room 101
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060
March 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Please note that this meeting will be held in-person at the Mundelein Village Hall. The meeting will not be streamed electronically. If you cannot attend the meeting and you wish to submit a question or comment to be read during the public commentary portion of the meeting, please email your full name and your question or comment to cmalec@mundelein.org. Please put "Public Commentary" in the subject line. Comments received during the meeting, but after the public commentary portion has ended, will be provided to the Commission Members after the meeting.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ATTENDANCE
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTARY
- IV. MINUTES APPROVAL
 - A. Approval of the February 17, 2025 Minutes
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Public Art Plan
 - B. Lure of the Local
 - C. Scholarship Program
 - D. Indoor Art Program

- E. Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam
- F. Poetry and Storytelling Showcase
- G. S'Mural
- H. Stars on Parade
- I. Hand Sculpture
- J. Beautification Committee

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Percents for the Arts (S. Kalmanivsky)
- B. Table at MHS Art Show
- C. New Business Cards
- D. ComEd Powering Communities Grant Program
- E. ArtsLink North Directory (S. Esson)

VII. NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

VIII. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of Mundelein, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, requests that persons

with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting or facilities, to contact the ADA Coordinator at 847-949-3200 to allow the Village to arrange accommodations for those persons.

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

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Public Art Plan

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

No updates at this time.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Lure of the Local

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

Wrap up items to be addressed from Lure of the Local 2025:

- Set up subcommittee meeting to discuss notes for next year.
- Transcribe guestbook to create invite list for next year.
- Catalogue and send responses to all interested artists who filled out a form on the MAC webpage.
- Update the Lure webpage.
- S. Kalmanovsky expressed interest in a purchase award. For the MAC to discuss, she will provide:
 1. Proposed location of artwork
 2. Artwork options and prices

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Scholarship Program

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

At the November meeting, the MAC approved the subcommittee's proposal and authorized \$3,025 (includes \$25 for certificates). Scholarship interviews were held in early March. The subcommittee will report on any updates (S. Esson, C. Bayoneto, G. Smith).

Recommendation:



To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Indoor Art Program

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

S. Kalmanovsky will report on any updates. At prior meetings, the MAC discussed taking photos of location options for indoor artwork.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

J. Justman is working towards a 2025 Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam and will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

J. Justman will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: S'Mural

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

- The mural database will be a collection of artist names who are interested in installing murals. The idea is to have a “pool” of artists that we can reach out to for our own murals, but also a database we can share with private property owners that want to install their own murals (like a “matchmaking” service for public art). An email is drafted, and the next step is to gather email contacts, which C. Woodard will assist with as soon as those documents are available. C. Woodard will collect interest in the mural database by first emailing all our artist contacts:
 - Lure of the Local artists
 - Lure guestbook entries (that identified as artists)
 - Interested artists that have contacted the MAC over the years (Staff has a list)
- S'Murals is a proposed MAC-funded series of small murals, which is anticipated to be a 2025 project. C. Woodard will start identifying sites, and then the MAC needs to discuss a budget. A subcommittee should be created down the road for artist selection. The “Call for Artists” will be sent to any artists that have joined the mural database.
 - Greg’s Frozen Custard expressed interest in being one of the locations considered for a S'Mural.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Stars on Parade

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The MAC is collaborating on a star with the Beautification Committee, which is also sponsored by Flowerama (\$200). The star was completed by Chicago Fiberglass Works, and C. Woodard picked it up and dropped it off at Public Works. Next step is a Call for Artists - the draft flyer was reviewed at the previous meeting. This will be marketed on social media and direct emailed to contacts who may be interested.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Hand Sculpture

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The artist, Meg White, is still midway through working on the hand sculpture. She continues to share regular YouTube videos from her channel about its making, found at www.youtube.com/@possmom8. The MAC should consider sharing an update with the public with some video clips. There have not been many recent updates on her YouTube channel due to weather.

Next steps:

- Work with MAC, Public Works, and artist on refining the final location within the Pollinator Garden.
- Secure additional concrete footer quotes (already received two for \$2,800 and \$5,400).
- Have concrete footer installed in advance of artwork delivery.

Determine a name for the sculpture – a community naming contest was discussed previously.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Beautification Committee

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

C. Woodard will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Percents for the Arts (S. Kalmanivsky)

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

S. Kalmanovsky will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: Table at MHS Art Show

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

S. Kalmanovsky received a message from MHS inviting the MAC to have a table at their student art show. The MAC should discuss whether to participate and coordinate details.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: New Business Cards

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The Commissioners' business cards are now outdated because they have the old email address (jdoe@email.mundelein.org). Please note that the former email addresses no longer function, and Commissioners are asked to communicate using the new email address assigned to them (jdoe.arts@mundelein.org).

If the MAC would like to purchase new boxes of business cards, they are \$70/person and would come out of the MAC budget.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: ComEd Powering Communities Grant Program

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

At the previous meeting, the MAC discussed the ComEd Powering Communities Grant Program (<https://www.comed.com/safety-community/community/charitable-contributions>). Commissioners were looking into some of the terms to see if it is feasible for a MAC project. The Commission agreed that *Lure of the Local* would be the best candidate for the grant, based on the description. Terms of the grant:

1. NOTE: There was language in the grant terms that the remainder of the project budget cannot be funded by “internal funds”, which presents a problem. R. Yim is looking into this.
2. Grants are up to \$10,000 each. ComEd is awarding a total of \$535,000 this year across all categories.
3. Municipalities qualify for the grant, which ComEd confirmed on social media.
4. Applications are due by March 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM.
5. Ideal arts grant applications increase access to the arts to create a positive impact on the vibrancy of local communities. Grants should support initiatives and workshops to boost public awareness, community programming, engagement, and enjoyment of the arts.
6. A summary of 2024 grant recipients can be found here:
<https://www.comed.com/news/news-releases/2024-09-26>

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of March 17, 2025

Subject: ArtsLink North Directory (S. Esson)

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

S. Esson found the ArtsLink North Directory, which is a directory of northern Illinois arts events, attractions, businesses, and organizations: <https://artslinknorth.com>. She suggests that we add the MAC to the directory.

Recommendation: