

Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on March 17, 2025. Chairperson Spicuzza called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE

A. Spicuzza took attendance. It indicated as follows:

Commission Attendance

PRESENT: Chairman Spicuzza, Commissioner Esson, Commissioner Justman, Commissioner Kalmanovsky, Commissioner Yim, Commissioner Woodard

ABSENT: Commissioner Bayoneto, Commissioner Smith

Village Attendance

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Gail Becky introduced herself and shared the type of art form she practices. Additionally, she informed the Commission that she recently applied to the Mundelein Arts Commission and wanted to attend the meeting to learn more about it.
- Sam Parker informed the Commission that she will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for her business, Sparkerland, on April 23, 2025, and invited the Commission to attend.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the February 17, 2025 Minutes

Motion by J. Justman, seconded by R. Yim to approve the February 17, 2025 meeting minutes.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Jeff Justman
SECONDER:	Commissioner Rachel Yim
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Art Plan

The Commission discussed the Public Art Plan, but staff informed them that certain procedural approvals must be obtained before the plan can be created.

Lure of the Local

The Commission had a brief discussion about a few items that needed 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 have selected three students to receive a scholarship. S. Esson will provide additional information to staff regarding the students' details and the date of the Scholarship Banquet in the upcoming weeks.

Indoor Art Program

There were no updates.

Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

There were no updates.

Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

There were no updates.

S'Mural

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 an S'Mural.

Motion by S. Kalmanovsky, seconded by R. Yim to approve \$1,500 for the S'Mural project.

RESULT: Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]

MOVER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER:	Commissioner Rachel Yim
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

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

Percents for the Arts (S. Kalmanovsky)

The Commission discussed the project and determined that it is not the appropriate time to move it forward; they will revisit it later this year.

Table at MHS Art Show

C. Malec mentioned to the commission that Mundelein High School invited the MAC to their student art show on April 24, 2025. 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. J. Marvin provided stickers with the Commissioners' new email addresses to place over their existing email addresses,

making it more cost-efficient for the Commission if they decide not to purchase new business cards.

ComEd Powering Communities Grant Program

R. Yim informed the Commission that we do not meet the eligibility requirements for the grant.

ArtsLink North Directory (S. Esson)

S. Esson found the ArtsLink North Directory, which lists arts events, attractions, businesses, and organizations in northern Illinois. After further discussion, S. Esson will sign the Mundelein Arts Commission up for ArtsLink.

NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT 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.
- 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.
- C. Woodard will reach out to the Mundelein Farmers Market to see if the Commission can attend the Farmers Market "Art on Park" on August 30, 2025.
- S. Esson is requesting staff to ask Public Works if the Commission can borrow their flatbed truck again for the 2025 Mundelein Community Days Parade in July.
- C. Woodard mentioned to the Commission that the Kirk Players would like to discuss future plans for collaborating with the Commission.
- A. Spicuzza plans to organize the MAC's storage room in the coming weeks.

Motion by S. Kalmanovsky, seconded by C. Woodard to approve \$1,200 for organizational items for the Commission's storage room.

RESULT:	[Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER:	Commissioner Chris Woodard

AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

There were no questions, comments, or updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by S. Kalmanovsky, seconded by S. Esson to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER:	Commissioner Sue Esson
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner
 Recording Secretary