

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on April 21, 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 Bayoneto, Commissioner Kalmanovsky, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Yim, Commissioner Woodard

ABSENT:

Also present: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner; Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner, and members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Three Mundelein High School students were awarded scholarships from the Mundelein Arts Commission. They introduced themselves and shared which colleges they will be attending and their intended programs of study. The Commission congratulated them on their achievements and is looking forward to the Awards Ceremony on May 13, 2025.

Additionally, two members of the public attended the meeting to learn more about the Mundelein Arts Commission and our current projects.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the March, 17, 2025 Minutes

Motion by S. Esson, seconded by G. Smith to approve the March 17, 2025 meeting minutes, as amended.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Sue Esson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Gail Smith
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Art Plan

There was no updates.

Lure of the Local

C. Malec and the subcommittee (S. Kalmanovsky, C. Woodard, and C. Bayoneto) provided a brief overview of this year's event. Lure of the Local will take place from October 17 to November 17, 2025, with the theme this year being "Portals." The event will continue to be held in the Archer Business Center (ABC Building), but it will be in a different location within the same building.

The subcommittee discussed the new space, which was previously occupied by a law firm. They noted several improvements, including better parking, enhanced lighting, and a layout featuring office-like rooms. Artists will be able to use these rooms as studio spaces leading up to the show. Additionally, a second subcommittee (S. Kalmanovsky and J. Justman) was formed to manage the artist residency prior to the event. The subcommittees will continue to meet monthly to plan and discuss the event.

Motion by C. Bayoneto, seconded by G. Smith to approve \$5,000 for the Lure of the Local Art Exhibition.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
SECONDER:	Commissioner Gail Smith
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Scholarship Program

The subcommittee (S. Esson, G. Smith, and C. Bayoneto) selected three Mundelein High School students to receive scholarships. They spoke during public commentary earlier in the meeting. The subcommittee will attend the Awards Ceremony on May 13, 2025.

Indoor Art Program

The Indoor Art Program will be included in this year's Lure of the Local planning.

Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

J. Justman informed the Commission that the previous event was a weather-dependent event and this year's event will be the same. G. Smith, S. Esson, and C. Bayoneto will assist J. Justman with this event.

Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

J. Justman is open to moving the event indoors if the weather is bad. The Commission suggested using the new Lure of the Local space, and J. Justman said he would consider it. He mentioned that it might be easier to direct the poets to the parklet on Park Street, right next to Area Coffee.

S'Mural

C. Woodard updated the Commission that Tony Cannoli is interested in a S'mural. They would like the S'mural to depict a framed window looking into a kitchen. It will be located on the front of the building, facing Lake Street.

Emil's and Bill's Pizza and Pub are also interested in S'murals and have been in contact with C. Woodard. One issue is that if a business does not own the property or building, additional approvals may be required for a S'mural. The next step is to put out a call for artists for the S'murals.

Additionally, since there was leftover money in the budget, the Commission would like to use \$500 to purchase primer for the S'murals.

Motion by S. Kalmanovsky, seconded by C. Bayoneto to approved \$500 for primer for the S'Murals.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Stars on Parade

C. Woodard updated the Commission on the status of the Stars on Parade sculptures. Each star is reacting differently to the weather, showing varying degrees of weathering. The estimated lifespan of the stars is 3 to 5 years. Staff will need to issue a call for

artists for this project.

Additionally, the Grand Dominion star will need to be relocated, as the property it is currently located on has been sold. Staff proposed several potential new locations for the star, including the site of the old Village Hall and the war memorial triangle at the intersection of Route 176/Maple Avenue and East Hawley Street.

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.

Staff would like the Commission's assistance in reaching out to a concrete contractor to obtain a quote for a concrete footer for this sculpture. Staff will provide A. Spicuzza with additional information after the meeting. Additionally, the Commission would like the Mundelein community to name the sculpture once it has been installed. Therefore, staff will contact JR Steel & Welding to create signs for the Hand and Earth Flight sculpture.

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)

S. Kalmanovsky read a cover letter she drafted to the Commission, which she would like to send to the Village Board. The Commission agreed that it was a well-written letter and expressed a willingness to sign it on behalf of the Mundelein Arts Commission.

The "Percent for the Arts" program involves allocating a small percentage of the cost of new development, or significant renovations involving 50% or more of a building, into an art fund. This fund would be managed by the Mundelein Arts Commission to support future public art projects.

S. Kalmanovsky and R. Yim will continue researching this project and will provide an update at a later time.

Table at MHS Art Show

The Mundelein High School Art Show will take place on April 24, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. S. Kalmanovsky and A. Spicuzza will attend the event on behalf of the Mundelein Arts Commission.

ArtsLink North Directory (S. Esson)

S. Esson will sign the Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) up for ArtsLink, and start posting MAC events.

NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

Community Days/Parade

S. Esson and G. Smith will provide staff with links to the items they need to purchase for the Community Days Parade. A. Spicuzza noted that an emergency last year caused the cancellation of her Community Days art project. She will not need to order crafts for this year's event.

Motion by J. Justman, seconded by C. Bayoneto to approve \$500 for the Community Days Parade Decorations.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Jeff Justman
SECONDER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Mundelein Grand Prix

J. Marvin informed the Commission that the 2025 Mundelein Grand Prix will be relocated to the neighborhood south of Courtland Commons. This year, the volunteer t-shirts will be green, and the Commission would like to order green cowbells for this year's event. Additionally, since there was leftover money in the budget, the Commission would like to use \$2,500 to purchase spray chalk and professional chalk for the crosswalk and chalk demonstration for the Mundelein Grand Prix.

Motion by S. Esson, seconded by S. Kalmanovsky to approve \$700 to purchase 500 cowbells for the Mundelein Grand Prix event.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
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MOVER: Commissioner Sue Esson
SECONDER: Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
AYES: Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion by S. Kalmanovsky, and seconded by C. Bayoneto to approve up to \$2,500 to purchase spray and professional chalk.

RESULT: **Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]**
MOVER: Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER: Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
AYES: Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Sidewalk Painting

S. Esson will look into the project further and provide an update to the Commission at the May 19, 2025, MAC meeting.

Other

- A. Spicuzza mentioned to the Commission the idea of reaching out to Mundelein businesses to see if they would be interested in sponsoring an already-installed sculpture and receiving naming rights. She also noted that she spoke with the Village of Gurnee, which had reached out to Mundelein to learn how the Mundelein Arts Commission operates and to gain insights from our experience.
- C. Bayoneto mentioned that when she attends events on behalf of the Mundelein Arts Commission, our table display does not attract much attention compared to other tables that feature interactive elements. She requested that the Commission consider purchasing interactive items for future tabling events.

Motion by A.Spicuzza, seconded by S. Kalmanovsky to approve \$2,000 for table decor, a tent, and customized MAC tablecloths.

RESULT: **Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]**
MOVER: Chairman Aurelia Spicuzza

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

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

There were no questions, comments, or updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by A. Spicuzza, seconded by S. Kalmanovsky to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Chairman Aurelia Spicuzza
SECONDER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner
Recording Secretary