

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on May 19, 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 (7:02 PM), Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Yim, Commissioner Woodard, Commissioner Arp, Commissioner Lyttle

**ABSENT:**

**Village Attendance**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Commissioners Arp and Lyttle were introduced to the Mundelein Arts Commission. They shared some background information about themselves, and the Commission welcomed them to the group.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

There was no public commentary.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Approval of the April 21, 2025 Minutes**

**Motion** by S. Esson, seconded by G. Smith to approve the April 21, 2025 meeting minutes, as amended.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 10, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Sue Esson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Gail Smith
<b>AYES:</b>	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Art Plan**

There was no updates.

### **Lure of the Local**

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 application for Lure of the Local will open in June 2025.

The subcommittee (S. Kalmanovsky, C. Woodard, and C. Bayoneto) 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.

The Lure of the Local subcommittee will meet one hour before (6:00 PM) the regularly scheduled MAC meeting on June 16, 2025.

### **Scholarship Program**

The subcommittee (S. Esson, G. Smith, and C. Bayoneto) attended the Awards Ceremony on May 13, 2025, to present the scholarship awards to the recipients. They expressed interest in increasing the budget next year to provide a larger award amount.

### **Indoor Art Program**

There was no updates.

### **Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam**

The Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam will be held on August 17, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the parklet on Park Street, right next to Area Coffee. G. Smith, S. Esson, and C. Bayoneto will assist J. Justman with this event.

### **Poetry and Storytelling Showcase**

Poetry and Storytelling Showcase will be held on August 24, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the parklet on Park Street, right next to Area Coffee.

### **S'Mural**

C. Woodard updated the Commission on S'Murals and the next steps. A call for artists for this program will be created, and once it is published on social media, she will begin collecting artist information and building a bank of artists. She will serve as a matchmaker between the artists and building/property owners. Staff is currently working on proposing a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to change the regulations for murals.

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

### **Stars on Parade**

The call for artists is complete and will be posted on social media soon. The MAC is collaborating on a star with the Beautification Committee and Flowerama. The theme of the star is Marigolds, Monarchs, and Mexican Heritage.

### **Writing Contest**

This project has been tabled.

### **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.

A. Spicuzza assisted staff by researching local concrete contractors and emailed staff a list along with their contact information. 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)**

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. This project will be tabled until February 2026.

### **ArtsLink North Directory (S. Esson)**

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

### **Community Days/Parade**

The Community Days Craft event is on Thursday, July 3, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, and the Community Days Parade is on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 1:00 PM. The subcommittee (S. Esson and G. Smith) will schedule time with Public Works to decorate the flatbed truck for the parade.

### **Mundelein Grand Prix**

J. Marvin informed the Commission that the 2025 Mundelein Grand Prix will be relocated to the neighborhood directly south of Courtland Commons. This year, the volunteer t-shirts will be green, and the Commission has ordered green cowbells for this year's event.

### **Sidewalk Painting**

This project will be tabled until January 2026.

### **Art Table at MHS Art Show**

A. Spicuzza shared that a teacher from Mundelein High School inquired whether the Commission would be interested in presenting an award to an artist's work before the exhibition opens to the public. She noted that the exhibition includes works from 1st through 12th grade, which would make selecting a single winner challenging. S. Kalmanovsky suggested considering giving the award to an AP art student.

This event will be re-added to the agenda in February 2026.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES**

## Art on Park

The MAC will have a table at the Mundelein Farmers Market on August 30, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The theme of the market is Art on Park. Staff will provide C. Woodard with table supplies and flyers featuring upcoming MAC projects.

## Other

- The Commission reviewed their budget for this fiscal year and would like to add an item under committee reports to review the budget at the beginning of every MAC meeting.
- C. Malec informed the Commission that they will need to transition to using their new Outlook email accounts, as staff will discontinue sending communications to personal email addresses in the coming months.
- C. Bayoneto shared that her child participates in martial arts and is tested every six weeks, which involves breaking four wooden boards. She noted that the broken boards are typically discarded and placed in a large stack near the trash. She suggested exploring potential ways to repurpose the boards to prevent them from going to waste.
- The MAC and the Kirk Players will be partnering on future theater programs.

## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

## ADJOURNMENT

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 10, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Gail Smith
<b>AYES:</b>	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Rachel Yim, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Marvin, Associate Planner  
Recording Secretary