

AGENDA

MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Village Hall - Room 101
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060
September 15, 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 August 18, 2025 Minutes
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Public Art Plan
 - B. Lure of the Local
 1. Indoor Art Program
 - C. Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam
 - D. Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

- E. S'Murals
- F. Stars on Parade
- G. Hand Sculpture
- H. Holiday Theater Production
- I. Beautification Committee Updates

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Percent for the Arts
- B. ArtsLink North Directory
- C. Community Days/Parade
- D. Art on Park at Farmers Market
- E. D75 Tiger Truck Fest (Formerly Bratfest)
- F. Mundelein Arts Festival Booth
- G. Storage Room Update

VII. NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

VIII. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on August 18, 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 Woodard, Commissioner Arp, Commissioner Lyttle

ABSENT: Commissioner Kalmanovsky, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Yim

Village Attendance

PRESENT: Senior Planner Colleen Malec, Recording Secretary Erin Swanson

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the June 16, 2025 Minutes

S. Arp moved, seconded by D. Lyttle, a **Motion** to approve the Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2025.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Seth Arp
SECONDER:	Commissioner Dannielle Lyttle
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky arrived at 7:03 PM.

The Commission discussed the budget prior to discussing the scheduled agenda items. There is \$24,000 remaining in the budget that is not accounted for.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Art Plan

There were no updates on the Public Arts Plan

Lure of the Local

The commission discussed the selection of the resident artists for the Lure of the Local program and the process of the background checks. 14 artists were selected for the residency program and 12 of those artists had accepted as of the meeting date.

The commission discussed the process of re-keying rooms needed for the residency as well as opening night plans.

Further discussion on social media posts for the art show as well as highlighting the residents selected for the show. D. Lyttle volunteered to reach out to the artists to coordinate social media posts. S. Arp volunteered to work on graphics.

Mundelein Grand Prix

The commission discussed the Mundelein Grand Prix event that took place on July 21, 2025. Manning future booths were discussed as it is difficult for one person to man the chalk art booth alone all day. Issues with chalk artist timeliness, spray chalk malfunctions, and public chalk art location was also discussed.

Some of the main issues that came up at this year's event was safety concerns regarding cyclists cutting through the area selected.

Indoor Art Program

This item is on hold until after the Lure of the Local art show.

Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

J. Justman gave an update on the Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam that took place on August 17th, 2025. There were 35 attendees at the event and it had a positive turnout. Doing a post event social media post was discussed.

Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

J. Justman is hosting a Poetry and Storytelling Showcase on Sunday, August 24th, 2025 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the open space on Park Street next to the "Mundelein" mural.

S'Murals

C. Woodard gave updates on the S'Murals program. The first mural to be located at the

Tony Cannoli space has had an artist selected. C. Woodard volunteered to work with Tony to ensure he approves the artist and there are no changes required to the piece.

C. Malec gave updates on the status of the text amendment that the Village is working on to make small murals more attainable within the Village. C. Woodard also offered to prime the art location for the artist.

C. Woodard gave updates on mural outreach and the requests for larger murals versus smaller murals among the businesses. She further discussed clarifying with the businesses the availability of funding for smaller murals, but not larger murals.

Stars on Parade

An artist was selected for the newest Star celebrating Mexican Heritage. Xitlally Garcia is a senior at Mundelein High School and is planning to pursue art education after High School.

Hand Sculpture

C. Malec gave an update on the status of quotes for the concrete footer. There were further discussions on tentative locations for the footer installation. E. Swanson will reach out to Public Works to coordinate a meeting to discuss final location.

C. Bayoneto moved, seconded by S. Arp, a **Motion** to approve payment up to \$4,000 to be spent on the footer for the hand sculpture.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
SECONDER:	Commissioner Seth Arp
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

There was further discussion on a contest for naming the sculpture after installation.

Beautification Committee Updates

C. Woodard gave an update from the Beautification Committee. Mundelein has officially been designated as a bird city and the Beautification Committion is organizing a raffle prize for the Lure of the Local opening. Garden awards are live for submissions through the Mundelein website.

One of the committee members requested to bring up the open space near Bill's Pizza

Pub. The suggestion is aluminum letters to spell out Mundelein as an installation the arts commission could possibly pursue. The commission discussed a prior concerns with development on that area.

OLD BUSINESS

Percent for the Arts (S. Kalmanovsky and R. Yim)

No updates at this time.

ArtsLink North Directory (S. Esson)

S. Esson gave updates on the ArsLink North. The registry was previously free. Now there is a fee charged of \$75 on the site. C. Malec requested information as to if the fee is to post unlimited, or if it is a tiered financing. S. Esson is looking into more details.

Community Days/Parade

A. Spicuzza discussed the thank you letter received from the committee for the Arts Commission's participation in Community Days. The needed supply purchase was discussed.

S. Kalmanovsky moved, seconded by J. Justman, a **Motion** to approve a reimbursement to Aurelia Spicuzza of \$57.23 to cover needed supplies.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER:	Commissioner Jeff Justman
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Sidewalk Painting (S. Esson)

C. Woodard gave an update on sidewalk painting. The commission decided to table this initiative for the time being.

Art on Park at Farmers Market (C. Woodard)

C. Woodard shared that Art on Park will be on August 30th from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Post cards will be needed to hand out to the public.

Giant Holiday Ornaments (S. Esson)

No updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

Budget for Storage Room Shelving (Staff)

The need for storage shelving and totes for organizing supplies was discussed.

S. Kalmanovsky moved, seconded by S. Arp, a **Motion** to approve a purchase of \$1,014 for 3 storage shelves and 12 totes.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER:	Commissioner Seth Arp
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Reimbursement for Community Days Supplies (A. Spicuzza)

No further discussion needed.

D75 Tiger Truck Fest (Formerly Bratfest) – September 5, 2025

A. Spicuzza updated the Tiger Truck Fest that was formerly brat fest for School District 75. Types of giveaway options was discussed. Also discussed volunteers for manning the table at the even. C. Bayonetto will be manning and S. Kalmonovsky may be available to assist.

Mundelein Art Festival – Booth and Sponsorship

A. Spicuzza discussed the Mundelein Arts Festival. The commission discussed sponsoring the event.

A. Spicuzza moved, seconded by C. Bayoneto, a **Motion** to pay up to \$125 to sponsor the Mundelein Arts Festival.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 1]
MOVER:	Chairman Spicuzza
SECONDER:	Commissioner Bayoneto

AYES:	Chairman Spicuzza, Commissioner Esson, Commissioner Bayoneto, Commissioner Kalmanovsky, Commissioner Woodard, Commissioner Arp, Commissioner Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Commissioner Jeff Justman

Bruce Niemi Notice and Card

The commission discussed the passing of artist Bruce Niemi and signed a condolence card.

Kirk Players – Holiday Theater Production Proposal

Kirk players requested quarterly meetings with A. Spicuzza to increase collaboration. Kirk players are request the MAC produce a radio play. Location of the High School is not an option at this point as it is under construction and the fee to use the space is increasing.

Kirk Players – Summer Shakespeare Shorts

The commisson discussed interest in partnering with the Kirk players on Summer Shakespear Shorts.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

No further questions, comments, or updates.

ADJOURNMENT

S. Kalmanovsky moved, seconded by S. Arp, a **Motion** to adjourn the Mundelein Arts Commission meeting of August 18, 2025.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 8, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
SECONDER:	Commissioner Seth Arp
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 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 September 15, 2025
Subject: Lure of the Local

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

At a prior meetings, the MAC authorized \$6,000 for general Lure expenditures, and the subcommittee will come back at a later time if that needs to be adjusted. Updated information can be found on the Lure of the Local webpages:

- General Event Info and Artist Application: www.mundelein.org/LURE
- Artist Residency Program and Application: www.mundelein.org/LURERESIDENCIES
- Pop-up Event Calendar: www.mundelein.org/LUREEVENTS

Other information:

1. Dates: October 17th – November 16th (5 weeks).
2. Opening Reception: Friday, October 17th (SAVE THE DATE – VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED)
 - a. VIP Hour and Ribbon Cutting (Commissioners welcome) – 5-6 PM
 - b. Public Reception – 6-9 PM
 - c. Still developing formal volunteer roles, but roles look like greeting attendees, manning the guestbook and donation box area, managing the food table, manning any interactive activities, etc.
3. Title Sponsor: Tighthead Brewing Company (\$1,000)
4. Exhibition Update:

- a. 90+ artists applied to have work in the exhibition. All artists will have at least one piece selected for the show. For reference, past years featured 48 artists (2024), 28 artists (2023), and 26 artists (2022).
 - b. S. Kalmanovsky has completed the curation process and sent an individual email to each artist advising them on which pieces will be in the show.
5. Residency Program Update:
- a. Resident move in is September 15, 2025 (today) from 8 AM – 8 PM.
 - b. D. Lyttle helped prepare artist resident spotlights, which have been posted three times each week on social media and in the e-newsletter. Once the residencies start, marketing will shift to focus more on the opening reception and exhibition construction.
 - c. Draft postcard:



LURE OF THE LOCAL IV PORTALS

ANNUAL ART
EXHIBITION
FREE TO ATTEND

175 N. ARCHER AVE
OPENING RECEPTION
OCT. 17, 2025 (6-9 PM)

EXHIBIT HOURS 11 AM - 5 PM
ALL SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
FROM OCT. 17 - NOV. 16, 2025



Mundelein
Arts Commission

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LURE OF THE LOCAL IV

PORTALS

The Lure of the Local annual art exhibition highlights the **creative practices of artists who live and work among us**, our teachers, neighbors, and friends. Together, their works offer a multifaceted portrait of contemporary art as it emerges within our community.

This exhibition takes its name from **Lucy Lippard's seminal text The Lure of the Local**, which explores the profound ways in which we construct meaning through place, memory, and identity.

This year's theme, **Portals**, invites artists and audiences alike to consider the thresholds, literal and metaphorical, that shape human experience. Now in its fourth year, we have invited local artists to engage with these ideas in their work, interpreting the notion of "portals" through diverse mediums, processes, and perspectives.

NEW THIS YEAR! ARTIST RESIDENCIES

The Mundelein Arts Commission is pleased to announce a **pilot Artist Residency Program, coinciding with this year's exhibition**. The program provides a group of artists studio space for a period of 10 weeks within the Lure of the Local exhibition space. The studios are a supportive environment where experimentation, collaboration, and reflection are encouraged while the artists explore the concept of portals.

Stop by to see the Artist Residents in action when you visit Lure of the Local IV!



Questions? Visit www.mundelein.org/LURE or contact: planning@mundelein.org | (847) 949-3282

WHEN

Hours: 11am - 5pm
Saturdays and Sundays
Oct. 17 - Nov. 16, 2025
Opening Reception
Oct. 17, 2025 (6-9pm)
Pop-up events and live music every weekend!

WHERE

175 N. Archer Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060
Archer Business Center;
Near Metra Station and
Tighthead Brewing Co.

FREE TO ATTEND!

SPECIAL EVENTS
CALENDAR:





Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: Indoor Art Program

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

On hold until after Lure of the Local, or will be incorporated into Lure of the Local if budget allows for a purchase award.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

J. Justman hosted the Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam on Sunday, August 17th. He will report on any other updates or future plans.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

J. Justman is hosting a Poetry and Storytelling Showcase on Sunday, August 24th. He will report on any other updates or future plans.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025
Subject: S'Murals

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

An artist has been selected for the S'Mural at Tony Cannoli. Next steps include:

- Contacting the artist (Ava McQuain) to confirm that she is still interested and available.
- Connecting Tony Cannoli with the artist so they can discuss the artwork.
- Complete text amendment streamlining process for murals under 100 SF (final Village Board approval expected on September 22nd).
- Apply for a building permit for the mural.
- Prime the wall (paint has already been purchased).
- Coordinate payment, timing, schedule with artist.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025
Subject: Stars on Parade

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

An artist has been selected, Xitlally Garcia. She is a senior at Mundelein High School that hopes to continue her education in art after high school. Public Works delivered the star to her home, and she has gotten the first ½ of the payment. Staff asked her if she is okay with us announcing her as the artist on social media, and whether she has a photo of herself we could use – waiting to hear back.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: Hand Sculpture

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The artist, Meg White, is still midway through working on the hand sculpture. She expects to be finished in October. 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.

Next steps:

- Raising Chicago Concrete will be installing the concrete footer for \$2,500. Jeff Carrier in Public Works was very helpful in negotiating the price.
- A final location was determined between Staff (Colleen and Public Works) and S. Kalmanovsky. See mockups below. The location was sent to the artist, and she is currently reviewing and will provide comments. The reasons for the proposed placement and angle:
 - Crane Reach: Site is well within the crane reach from the adjacent roadway.
 - Backdrop: Gives the best possible "backdrop" for people posing with or taking pictures of the hand. Background looks out over the rest of the park/natural area.
 - View from Hand: If you're sitting on the star, you're angled towards the creek and the park across the street, which is also a nice view.
 - Avoiding the Shopping Center View (North): The orientation of the star makes it so the shopping center to the north (green roof) and large parking lot is not visible when you're sitting in the star, nor is it visible when you take photos of the star. Angling the hand more east-west would put that shopping center in one of those views, so we chose a more north-south angle.

- Face People Entering Pathway: The palm roughly faces the entrance to the Pollinator Garden, so it will look inviting to people entering the pathway.
- Erosion Barrier Avoidance: We aren't able to push it any further west (towards the entrance pathway), as that part of the pathway is getting reconstructed this fall and will have an erosion control buffer we need to stay out of.

Approximate location and angle:



View of Sculpture Straight-On:



Alternate Angle:



Alternate Angle:



View from Behind:



View While Sitting in Hand:



Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025
Subject: Holiday Theater Production

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The MAC agreed to partner with Kirk Players this winter on a production of Miracle on 34th Street.

- The MAC has \$1,250 set aside to fund equipment, a cast party, and any other costs of the production.
- A. Spicuzza, D. Lyttle, and S. Esson volunteered to take lead on this project, and are setting up a kickoff meeting with Kirk Players.
- Venue is still in question – plan A is the Lure of the Local space, and plan B is the Village Hall Board Room.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: Beautification Committee Updates

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 September 15, 2025

Subject: Percent for the Arts

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

S. Kalmanovsky and R. Yim will report on any updates. They have conducted some research and are working on developing a recommendation letter to the Village Board. A meeting was held with the Community Development Director and Village Administrator.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: ArtsLink North Directory

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 offered to add the MAC to the directory and manage that listing. She will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: Community Days/Parade

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

Discuss whether there are any follow-up items to be addressed.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025
Subject: Art on Park at Farmers Market

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The “Art on Park” Farmers Market weekend took place on Saturday, August 30th from 8 AM – noon. The MAC will had a table to promote its events. Commissioners will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: D75 Tiger Truck Fest (Formerly Bratfest)

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The MAC hosted a booth at the D75 Tiger Truck Fest (former Bratfest) on September 5th.. C. Bayoneto and R. Yim attended and will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025

Subject: Mundelein Arts Festival Booth

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

The MAC hosted a booth at the Mundelein Arts Festival on September 6-7. Commissioners will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of September 15, 2025
Subject: Storage Room Update

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

- The shelving and totes have been purchased from Uline.
- Staff was directed to relocate the MAC's storage from the upstairs of the Village Hall to a room within the Lure of the Local space.

Recommendation: