

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 commisison 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



Erin Swanson, Recording Secretary