

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on September 15, 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 Arp, Commissioner Bayoneto, Commissioner Esson, Commissioner Justman, Commissioner Lyttle, Commissioner Woodard, Commissioner Yim

ABSENT: Commissioner Kalmanovsky, Commissioner Smith

Village Attendance

PRESENT: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner; Erin Swanson, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

John Matousek, Public Relations Director of the Kirk Players spoke of his history as a Mundelein Arts Commissioner, but stated that he is currently the Public Relations Director for the Kirk Players. He spoke on his previous experience on the Commission and wanted to extend appreciation to Colleen Malec and Aurelia Spicuzza for assistance with getting the Kirk Players in contact with Village Officials to acknowledge the Kirk Players' 60th season at the October 13, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. Matousek spoke of the rarity of a community theater group that is comprised solely of volunteers.

Jon Leslie Lynn, Artistic Director for the Kirk Players, spoke of the Kirk Players' service to the Mundelein community for 60 years. They offer free summer workshops, have been involved with Carmel Street Scenes, among many other initiatives to benefit the public.

Randy Rice, Sales Director / President of the Kirk Players spoke of his history of the organization and his experience as a local business owner. He stated that the Kirk Players will be making a change to the sponsorship format they have historically had. Instead of purchasing ads in the playbills, they will be offering a one-time annual sponsorship payment that will cover all the plays organized by the Kirk Players.

Theresa Schryver, Administrative Director of the Kirk Players spoke of the positive impact of the Kirk Players on the community.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the August 18, 2025 Minutes

The minutes will be reviewed at the October Commission Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Before discussing the committee reports, the Commission reviewed the budget.

Public Art Plan

No updates.

Lure of the Local

Today was the first day of residency at the Lure of the Local space. So far, the feedback to social media posting has been positive. Over 90 artists have been selected for the show. The opening reception is planned for October 17th.

Indoor Art Program

On hold until after Lure of the Local.

Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

J. Justman hosted an Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam on Sunday, August 17, 2025.

Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

J. Justman hosted a Poetry and Storytelling Showcase on Sunday, August 24th. It was a successful event with 15 performers and over 30 attendees.

S'Murals

The S'mural at Tony Cannoli was discussed. C. Malec gave an update on the Village update on the agenda for an upcoming Board Meeting. C. Woodard discussed outreach efforts for S'Murals and the frequent request for funding for murals by businesses in the Village.

Stars on Parade

The artist for the newest star was selected and the sculpture was delivered to her home. E. Swanson will get information from the artist to do a social media post.

Hand Sculpture

Sculpture location was finalized. E. Swanson to schedule the concrete pour. The commission discussed the artists request to slightly delay the delivery of the sculpture. The Commission also discussed temporary signage until the final sign was created. A.

Spicuzza discussed the deterioration of the area around the Earth Flight sculpture. C. Malec stated that there are plans to improve the area overall.

Holiday Theater Production

A. Spicuzza will reach out to Jon Leslie Lynn to coordinate regarding the Holiday Theater production. The MAC earmarked \$1,250 to fund equipment, cast party, and other associated costs. The Commission decided to charge a nominal fee for the event to prevent a large amount of no-shows in some prior years. Kirk players have the ability to manage ticket sales.

Beautification Committee Updates

The Beautification Committee is proposing a new pollinator garden to be installed this fall. There was a Mayoral proclamation to make Mundelein a designated Bird City.

OLD BUSINESS

Percent for the Arts

No updates.

ArtsLink North Directory

The ArtsLink North Directory is now charging \$75 to use the service. S. Esson will research more to review what comes with the subscription cost.

Community Days/Parade

S. Esson and G. Smith will arrange to collect the rest of the items from the float.

Art on Park at Farmers Market

The "Art on Park" Farmers market weeked took place on Saturday, August 30th from 8:00 AM - Noon. C. Woodard manned the table solo for the event. Bekah allowed a second table with sign to promote the Lure.

D75 Tiger Truck Fest (Formerly Bratfest)

C. Bayoneto and R. Yim manned the table at Tiger Truck Fest. The stained glass project was successful.

Mundelein Arts Festival Booth

Signage needed for tent. Park District is no longer running the event and MCC is looking for a volunteer to organize it.

Storage Room Update

Storage shelves have been purchased. The MAC storage is being relocated into the Lure of the Local space.

NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

The commission discussed the Kirk Players and wish to sponsor next year with new financing model. R. Yim discussed plan for Lure of the Local workshops.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

No further questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Bayoneto moved, seconded by S. Esson, a **Motion** to Adjourn the Mundelein Arts Commission meeting of September 15, 2025.

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

Erin Swanson

Erin Swanson, Recording Secretary