

## AGENDA

### MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Village Hall - Room 101  
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060  
January 19, 2026 - 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](mailto: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 November 17, 2025 Minutes
- V. BUDGET REVIEW
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Public Art Plan
  - B. Lure of the Local
  - C. Stars on Parade

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- C. Stars on Parade

D. Hand Sculpture

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F. Scholarships

G. Summer Shakespeare Shorts

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H. Mundelein Grand Prix

I. Set Sail North / Record Fair

J. S'Murals

K. Art Pantries

L. Beautification Committee

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Percent for the Arts

B. Piano - Keep?

C. ArtsLink North Directory

D. Winter Tree Lighting Festival

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

## IX. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

## X. ADJOURNMENT

The Village of Mundelein, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, requests that persons with disabilities who require certain accommodations to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting or facilities, to contact the ADA Coordinator at 847-949-3200 to allow the Village to arrange accommodations for those persons.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on November 17, 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 Woodard, Commissioner Arp, Commissioner Lyttle

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Yim

**Village Attendance**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

There was no public commentary.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Approval of the October 20, 2025 Minutes**

**Motion** to to approve the Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Seth Arp
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Gail Smith
<b>AYES:</b>	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

**BUDGET REVIEW**

**Budget and Expenditures as of November 13, 2025**

The Commission reviewed the remaining budget for the remaining of the fiscal year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Art Plan**

There are no updates.

### **Lure of the Local**

The Commission discussed the Lure of the Local event, as well as the Village extended the no-cost artist residencies. The Commission reviewed the success of opening night and the overall artist residency program.

### **Indoor Art Program**

The commission discussed the intent of the indoor art program to purchase art pieces from the Lure of the Local show to install in the Village. S. Kalmanovski will be choosing 10 options for the Commission to choose from for the Indoor Art Program.

### **Stars on Parade**

Xitlally Garcia is still in progress with her star.

### **S'Murals**

No updates.

### **Hand Sculpture**

The Commission discussed the Hand Sculpture progress and what dates they would find acceptable for delivery by the artist.

### **Holiday Theater Production**

The Kirk Players are using the Lure of the Local space for theater rehearsals. The commission discussed the sponsorship costs of the production. The production will be held December 5th, 6th, and 7th.

### **Scholarship**

The scholarship committee will be scheduling a meeting to go over questions to ask applicants.

### **Beautification Committee Updates**

C. Woodard did not attend the last Beautification Meeting and has no updates for the Commission.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Percent for the Arts

To be discussed at the January 19, 2026 meeting.

### ArtsLink North Directory

Annual subscription is \$75 per year. The Commission will revisit at the next meeting.

### Winter Tree Lighting Festival

Winter Tree Lighting Festival will be on Thursday, November 20th. D. Lyttle and E. Swanson will meet at 3:00 PM for setup.

## NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

### Writing Contest

The Commission discussed the writing contest. The Library has taken over the initiative so there is no reason to resurrect this project at this point in time.

### December Meeting

The Commission discussed cancelling the planned meeting in December.

**Motion** to to Cancel the Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Chris Woodard
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Stacey Kalmanovsky
<b>AYES:</b>	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

The Commission reviewed the proposed budget for the next fiscal year and any upcoming projects to budget for. S. Arp suggested a proposed Music Festival and Vinyl Records sale event called Set Sail North for the next fiscal year. It would be a one day event with 3-4 performances. Also discussed was a proposed initiative by C. Woodard for "Art Libraries".

It would be similar to the little libraries posted, but instead of books it would have art supplies available.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to Adjourn the Mundelein Arts Commission meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Jeff Justman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Sue Esson
<b>AYES:</b>	Aurelia Spicuzza, Sue Esson, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Stacey Kalmanovsky, Gail Smith, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Danielle Lyttle
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

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 January 19, 2026  
Subject: Lure of the Local

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

**Recommendation:**

The Artist Residencies come to a close on January 31<sup>st</sup>, when the residents will move out. Staff will check the vacated studios, process security deposit refunds, collect keys, and do a cleanup of the facility. The facility will stay dark until it is decided what to do with the building and space, which is under discussion by the Village Board. There is a public Request for Proposals (RFP) for the site open until March 15, 2026 seeking alternative proposals.

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

Subject: Stars on Parade

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

The artist, Xitlally Garcia, is working on her star. She said it's moving a little slower than anticipated because she is busy with school (but we wouldn't install it until after winter anyway). The pad is installed at the Pollinator Garden.

**Recommendation:**

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees  
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner  
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026  
Subject: Hand Sculpture

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

The artist, Meg White, is still midway through working on the hand sculpture. Staff requested an update from her on her delivery date expectation and expressed a hard installation deadline of mid-April. She requested a mid-April installation to provide her with maximum time to refine the details ("More time will make a better piece.")

She continues to share regular YouTube videos from her channel about its making, found at [www.youtube.com/@possmom8](http://www.youtube.com/@possmom8). The MAC should consider sharing an update with the public with some video clips. Video as of January 15<sup>th</sup>:



The concrete footer is installed for a price of \$2,500 (excuse the pedestrian bridge construction mess):



***View of Sculpture Straight-On:***



**Recommendation:**

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees  
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner  
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026  
Subject: Holiday Theater Production

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

**Recommendation:**

The MAC partnered with Kirk Players this winter on a production of Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street. A. Spicuzza will report on the experience. A total of \$920 was collected in donations for the Fremont Township Food Pantry, which was presented via giant check in December.



To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

Subject: Scholarships

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

The scholarship subcommittee will report on any updates. In the meantime, staff was contacted on January 8<sup>th</sup> by the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, who is returning 1/2 of the scholarship check for Matteo Bonilla, who did not return for their spring semester. The amount will be returned to the MAC budget.

**Recommendation:**

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

Subject: Summer Shakespeare Shorts

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

**Recommendation:**

The Kirk Players expressed interest in collaborating with the MAC on Summer Shakespeare Shorts in 2026. The MAC should discuss whether to move forward with the event this year and set up a subcommittee to begin working with Kirk Players.

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

Subject: Mundelein Grand Prix

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

The Mundelein Grand Prix is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026.

**Recommendation:**

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

Subject: Set Sail North / Record Fair

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

At the previous meeting, Seth introduced an idea for a live music event and vinyl record sale. The MAC should continue to explore this idea.

**Recommendation:**

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees  
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner  
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026  
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.
- 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 January 19, 2026  
Subject: Art Pantries

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

At the previous meeting, Chris introduced the idea for “Art Pantries”, similar to the “Free Little Libraries” concept (take artwork, leave artwork). The MAC should continue to explore this idea further.

**Recommendation:**

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

Subject: Beautification Committee

**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 January 19, 2026  
Subject: Percent for the Arts

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

The subcommittee will report on any updates, if applicable. S. Arp has volunteered to help S. Kalmanovsky. 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 January 19, 2026  
Subject: Piano - Keep?

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

An upright piano was donated to the MAC approximately 5 years ago, which is in medium condition and requires significant tuning. Tuning should be expected to cost approximately \$300. It is currently stored upstairs at the Village Hall, and has been moved around as new tenants have entered the space.

The MAC should discuss whether to keep the piano.



**Recommendation:**



To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner

For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of January 19, 2026

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 January 19, 2026

Subject: Winter Tree Lighting Festival

**Financial Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None

**Background:**

D. Lyttle volunteered to organize the MAC's craft booth at the Winter Tree Lighting Festival on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and prepared a DIY gingerbread house craft for kids. She will report on the experience.



**Recommendation:**