

AGENDA
MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Village Hall - Room 101
300 Plaza Circle, Mundelein, IL 60060
June 15, 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. 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 May 18, 2026 Minutes
- V. BUDGET REVIEW
 - A. MAC Expenditures as of 6-12-2026
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Committee Reports
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Old Business
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES
 - A. New Business and Project Updates

IX. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

X. ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mundelein Arts Commission was held on May 18, 2026. Chairperson Spicuzza called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

ATTENDANCE

A. Spicuzza took attendance. It indicated as follows:

Commission Attendance

PRESENT: Chairman Spicuzza, Commissioner Justman, Commissioner Bayoneto, Commissioner Woodard, Commissioner Arp, Commissioner Lyttle

ABSENT: Commissioner Kalmanovsky

Village Attendance

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Trustee Ugaste stopped by the meeting and shared that he had recently attended a Visit Lake County event. He was approached and was asked for a contact regarding the MAC social media coverage. It was stated that the Commission's efforts in social media and projects were getting noticed positively by individuals outside of the Village

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the April 20, 2026 Minutes

S. Arp moved, seconded by C. Bayoneto, a **Motion** to approve the Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2026. Motion passed 6-0.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Seth Arp
SECONDER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

BUDGET REVIEW

MAC Expenditures as of 5-15-2026

The Commission reviewed the new annual budget and expenses to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAC 10th Anniversary

The Commission reviewed some artwork created for the MAC 10th Anniversary celebration shirts. They further discussed banners and feather flags to be used for community events. The Commission also discussed the possibility of planning a mixer style event or meeting.

D. Lyttle moved, seconded by C. Bayoneto a **Motion** to approve a purchase up to \$750 to purchase MAC 10th Anniversary shirts. Motion passed 6-0.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Dannielle Lyttle
SECONDER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Public Art Plan

No updates at this time.

Lure of the Local

S. Kalmanovsky is working on a write-up for the Lure of the Local 2026. A graphic for the event is in progress. The plan is to open applications for the event on June 15th and the exhibit will open to the public on October 16th.

Indoor Art Program

The Indoor Art Program purchase from the Lure of the Local 2025 is currently being framed.

Stars on Parade

The Fremont Library District is interested in having a Star. They have a meeting planned to approve.

Hand Sculpture

C. Malec will email the artist to get an updated delivery date of the hand sculpture. The Commission reviewed names that were submitted for the hand sculpture and selected several names to use for members of the public to vote on.

Community Days (Booth and Parade)

After some discussion, it was found that there is nobody available to do the parade float this year for Community Days. The supplies that were purchased will be held and used for next year.

Scholarship

C. Bayoneto gave an update on this year's scholarship recipients and shared images from the awards ceremony.

Summer Shakespeare Shorts

A. Spicuzza rented speakers and spoke with the Guitar Center in Arlington Heights for rental information of remaining equipment needed.

Mundelein Grand Prix

Chalk and bells have been purchased for the Grand Prix. A call for sidewalk artists is in process.

S'Murals

For the Tony Cannoli S'Mural a W-9 is needed from the artist. For the S'Murals planned for the properties at Dragon Star and the American Patriot Store, the property owners have been contacted and the Village is awaiting response.

Set Sail North / Record Fair / Music Theme Farmers Market

The event is likely being scheduled for September 20th. S. Arp has been in contact with MCC regarding the event as it is the same day as the Art Fair. MCC has requested to push the Set Sail Festival back to 3:30PM - 7:30 PM. Tighthead is considering the change but need to confirm staffing availability.

There will be a music themed farmers market on August 8th to coordinate with the event.

C. Bayoneto moved, seconded by D. Lyttle, a **Motion** to approve a purchase up to \$750 for equipment and items needed for the Set Sail Festival. Motion passed 6-0.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Colleen Bayoneto

SECONDER:	Commissioner Dannielle Lyttle
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

The Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam is scheduled for August 2nd from 1-3 PM at the Mural Park.

Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

The Poetry and Storytelling Showcase is scheduled for August 9th from 1-3 PM at the Mural Park.

Art Pantries

C. Woodard reached out to the Tool Library. They have agreed to construct the pantries. C. Woodard is going to reach out to Public Works and Community Development to work on the placement of the pantries.

Beautification Committee Updates

There have been no meetings since the last Arts Commission meetings. But the Committee is prepping for the Spring into Summer event.

OLD BUSINESS

Percent for the Arts

No updates at this time.

ArtsLink North Directory

E. Swanson reached out for access.

Mundopoly

C. Woodard shared email on information she received regarding the status and setup of the game board.

Mundelein Arts Festival (Sponsorship, etc.)

C. Woodard is in communication with the festival coordinators. S. Kalmanovsky is

assisting with jurying the show. The MAC will have a table at the event.

Art-O-Mat

No updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS AND PROJECT UPDATES

Fremont Public Library Partnership

Fremont Library will be meeting on May 19th and plan to discuss the stars on parade. S. Kalmanovsky will work with the Library to have a display case promoting the Lure of the Local show.

Arts Commission Policy Change – Open to Non-Residents?

It has been decided that the Commission will not have a policy change at the moment.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND UPDATES

C. Woodard brought pride flags to share with any in attendance at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Justman moved, seconded by S. Arp, a **Motion** to adjourn the Mundelein Arts Commission meeting of May 18, 2026. Motion passed 6-0.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Jeff Justman
SECONDER:	Commissioner Seth Arp
AYES:	Aurelia Spicuzza, Jeff Justman, Colleen Bayoneto, Chris Woodard, Seth Arp, Dannielle Lyttle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Erin Swanson, Recording Secretary

Arts Commission Expenditures

FYE 2027 (Ends April 30, 2027)

SUMMARY				
Total Budget: \$31,500	<i>Earmarked</i>	<i>Actual Spent</i>	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Community Days Craft</i>	\$200	\$0	\$200	Already purchased out of FY26
<i>Community Days Parade</i>	\$300	\$0	\$300	Already purchased out of FY26
<i>Lure of the Local</i>	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	
<i>Summer Shakespeare Shorts</i>	\$650	\$0	\$650	
<i>Holiday Theater Production</i>	\$650	\$0	\$650	
<i>Mundelein Grand Prix</i>	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800	Some supplies purchased out of FY26
<i>Stars on Parade</i>	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	
<i>Sponsorships/Marketing</i>	\$1,500	\$537	\$963	
<i>Scholarships</i>	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	
<i>S'Murals</i>	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	
<i>Other Public Art</i>	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	
<i>Set Sail North + Record Fair</i>	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	
<i>Art Pantries</i>	\$900	\$0	\$900	
<i>Other</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	Amount	Date	Category	Notes
Ultimate Screen Printing - T-Shirt Samples	\$32.00	5/14/2026	Sponsorships/Marketing	
Ultimate Screen Printing - Shirts	\$505.00	5/27/2026	Sponsorships/Marketing	
Total FYE 2027 Expenditures	\$537.00			
Remaining	\$30,963.00			
Kracklauer Fund for Public Art Donations	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Date</i>		
Donations FY27:	\$0.00			
Current Fund Total:	\$7,599.45			

Last Revised on 5-15-2026

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of June 15, 2026
Subject: Committee Reports

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

MAC 10th Anniversary

The MAC's 10th anniversary is this year! The actual establishment date was May 23, 2016, and the first meeting was on August 16, 2016. A social media post sharing some of the MAC's accomplishments and photos was posted on May 23.

Other updates:

- **Banners**: Public Works printed the MAC a banner for hanging in the pop-up tent and a 2x3 sandwich board sign listing MAC's upcoming events this year. Both were used at Spring Into Summer.
- **T-Shirts**: The t-shirts were ordered from Ultimate Screen Printing for \$505. They originally gave an ETA of mid-June.

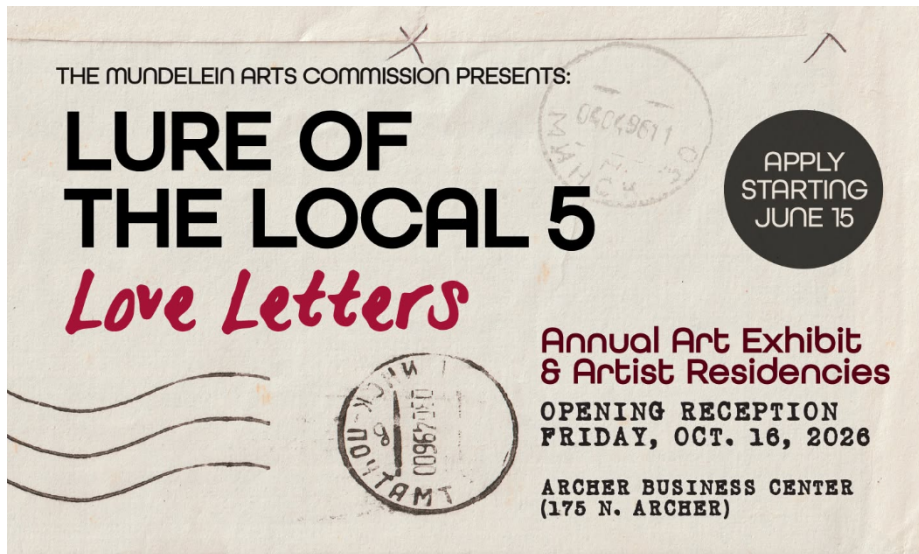
Public Art Plan

No updates.

Lure of the Local

The next step for *Lure of the Local* is to develop an application form, which staff is working on. This

year, we hope to create a form that efficiently translates to curation, artist emailing, and label creation. If we can't find a solution, our fallback is the typical Google Form. The save the date with a theme announcement has been posted on social media:



Lure of the Local 5 is on the horizon! Save the date for this year's exhibition and get an early look at the theme: "Love Letters". Whether it inspires a brand-new piece, helps you see existing work in a new light, or simply gets ideas flowing, we invite artists to begin exploring what Love Letters might mean through their own creative lens.

Lure of the Local is an annual, curated art exhibition that highlights the creative practices of artists who live and work among us – our teachers, neighbors, friends, and fellow community members.

Save the date! Join us for the opening reception on Friday, October 16, 2026. The exhibition and residency will once again take place at the Archer Business Center (175 N. Archer, Mundelein).

Applications will open by June 15, 2026, and are free to submit. Artists of all mediums and skill levels are encouraged to apply. Artist Residencies will return for a second year, with details to be announced soon. New this year, we are also seeking proposals for an interactive community artwork that engages visitors of all ages.

We are pleased to announce this year's theme: Love Letters.

From the quiet anticipation of writing a love letter to the joy of receiving one, this simple act captures something deeply human. Few things express longing, connection, and vulnerability quite like it; art offers a powerful way to explore those emotions.

Let this theme be a springboard for your own interpretation of what Love Letters mean to you. Your subject might be a person, a pet, a garden, a season, a favorite meal, or even a fleeting moment. What you love—and how you choose to honor it—is each artist's unique vision.

In this fast-paced age of texting, the idea of a love letter is nostalgic and tactile, present. What makes you pause in awe? What image or thing can truly embody love? Is love a fairy tale or fantasy? What artistic process do you lose yourself in like falling in love?

We look forward to seeing where this theme takes you! For questions, contact cmalec@mundelein.org or (847) 949-3289.

Allison Hausladen Workshop

One other update – Allison Hausladen asked whether the MAC would be open to hosting a repeat of her mobile workshop *Watercolors at Courtland Commons*. It was an outdoor watercolor painting workshop of the wildlife at Courtland Commons, featuring a guest speaker (Amanda Orenchuk) who spoke about the development of the stormwater basin and park. The original workshop was sparsely attended due to weather and late notice planning. If the MAC is interested in hosting Allison again (outside of the structure of *Lure of the Local*), it would be helpful to have one commissioner assigned to liaising with Allison. She is self-sufficient, but will need assistance choosing a date and developing messaging for social media. **UPDATE: No action on this yet.**

Indoor Art Program

At the February meeting, the MAC approved a purchase of the 3-piece collection *Big Impact* by Allison Hausladen, who was an artist resident and also the winner of the Critic’s Choice Award. We will be ordering a stainless steel plaque (<\$100) with the title, artist, and description.

The piece will be displayed at the Village Hall on the “blue wall” running along the staircase to the 2nd floor (see photo below). Stacey and Allison visited the Village Hall to determine a location. The payment has been issued and provided to the artist.

The pictures are currently at Apple Frame Studio in Mundelein, which were estimated to be ready around May 18th. We have not heard from them yet.



Stars on Parade

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. The pad is installed at the Pollinator Garden.

The Beautification Committee has processed her final payment of \$250 in anticipation of the completion of the star. We have asked the artist if she can finish the artwork by July 1st, and she agreed.

There will be one remaining cost of \$400 for the topcoat.

Hand Sculpture

The hand sculpture was installed on 6/11/26 by Meg White and Don Lawler. Everything went smoothly with installation. Some fun facts the artist told us:

- This chunk of limestone sparkles up close, which isn't something you usually see in limestone. There are tiny crystals visible throughout the rock. She explained that limestone eventually becomes marble when heat and pressure cause it to fully crystallize, so this piece seems to be showing the early stages of that transformation.
- The hand weighs 6,600 lbs. It has pins at the bottom that hold it in place, but it is mainly gravity doing the work to keep it there.
- The stone comes from a limestone quarry in between Bloomington and Bedford, Indiana.
- This piece of limestone has some color variegation in it, which makes it less appealing for construction, but works well for art because it gives it character.

Meg said she would be willing to come back for a ribbon cutting. She is traveling Illinois in August for an unrelated project (Schaumburg area), so we are going to aim for that time while she's in the area.

By then, it's possible the new plants and trees might be in the Pollinator Garden.

Unfortunately, it is temporarily off limits to the public for just a few weeks. New grass was planted all around it, so the sod needs time to establish before the public can step on it. There's a protective fence around the area with a sign.





Community Days (Booth and Parade)

The craft booth this year will feature sand art to use up the MAC's large supply of sand and bottles. There will be the choice of star-shaped bottles and USA-shaped bottles. It is scheduled for **Friday, July 3rd from 2-4 PM.**

No one is available for the day of the parade, so the MAC will be foregoing the float this year. Supplies were purchased already, so they will be used next year.

Scholarship

No updates at this time.

Summer Shakespeare Shorts

Aurelia, Dannielle, and Sue are working with The Kirk Players on logistics for this year's Summer Shakespeare Shorts collaboration. They will report on any other updates.

Staff is working through some contract issues with Santa Maria regarding the use of their lawn next to the gazebo.

The performance will be held on August 21, 22, and 23 at the Kracklauer Park gazebo. The August 23rd performance will double as the Summer Concert Series feature for that week, and will be advertised on that schedule as well.

Mundelein Arts Commission



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The Kirk Players
present



Shakespeare Summer Shorts: A MIDSUMMER SHOWCASE

2026 Adult Summer Workshop

Join us this summer as we delve into some wonderful scenes from Shakespeare comedies, tragedies and histories.

The Kirk Players is excited to partner with the Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC) to produce their Summer Shorts event in late August. Our final performance will be part of the Village of Mundelein Summer Concert Series. (See dates below)

We will be presenting these iconic scenes in an outdoor setting at the gazebo in Kracklauer Park in Mundelein.

All workshop registrants will be cast in the production.

The workshop is limited to 20 participants. You will be assigned role(s) following the first rehearsal. Please read the schedule carefully and make sure that you are available for all required rehearsals and performances.

We hope that you will join us for this fun adventure.

Workshop/Rehearsal Nights:

Mondays, June 22, 29 & July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

West Oak Middle School-Mundelein

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5 & 12

Location TBA

Production Week-August 17-20-ATTENDANCE REQUIRED

Performance Dates

Friday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 23, 5:00 p.m.

Registration at: kirkplayers.org



KIRK PLAYERS
Free Summer Workshop
Registration Now Open
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The Children's Workshop ,
STORIES TO STAGE,
 is designed for children
 aged 7 years to 12 years.

The Adults' Workshop,
**A MIDSUMMER
 SHOWCASE,**
 engages actors 13 years
 of age to all adult years.

Monday Evenings: June 22 through July 27
 Children's Workshop Times: Mondays, 6:00pm-7:00pm
 Adults' Workshop Times: Mondays, 7:30pm-9:30pm
Location: West Oak Middle School, Mundelein, IL

www.kirkplayers.org

Mundelein Grand Prix

The Mundelein Grand Prix is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026. The MAC purchased anticipated supplies out of the previous year budget:

- Spray chalk from Blick - \$516.46
- Stick chalk from Eternity Arts - \$107.95
- Cowbells from PPP (color: pink) - \$825.54

The only other costs expected would be additional spray chalk (if the current supply doesn't match the artists' actual selection) and the honorariums for the crosswalk art.

Staff is working on the form and announcement for the crosswalk art opportunities. It is expected to go live on Monday, June 15. There will be 4 available spots (two street art spots and two crosswalks).

Colleen B. has assisted with finding singers for the national anthem (one for Men's Pro Race and one for Women's Pro Race).

S'Murals

Tony Cannoli S'Mural Update

- Ava McQuain is the chosen artist for the mural at Tony Cannoli.
- Honorarium: \$1,100 (artist must purchase materials, MAC will prime wall). This will come out of the MAC's budget.
- Ava is currently away at school and intends to complete the mural over the summer. We need a W-9 form from her to proceed with a payment, but we have not heard back from her in a while.

East Hawley S'Murals Update

- Two murals are proposed on East Hawley Street:
 1. West wall of 662 E. Hawley (Dragon Star/Nana's Rum Cakes)
 2. East wall of 444 E. Hawley (American Patriot Store)
- Honorarium: \$1,500 each. This is funded by the Communications and Marketing Manager, not the MAC.
- Chris, Colleen M., and the marketing manager met to narrow the selection down to two artists. Staff forwarded the art selections to the property owners. One has not responded, and the other did not like the artwork (the artwork itself and the size). We may pivot and look for an alternate location.
- This project was originally intended to be done within the FY2026 budget, but was not able to move quickly enough. The murals will likely take place over the summer.

Ideally, all three of the S'Murals could be installed around the same time to create efficiencies and market them simultaneously as one project.



Set Sail North / Record Sales at Farmers Market

At the January meeting, Seth brought background details provided by the organizers of the Set Sail North festival and the record sale fair. He has been in contact with Tighthouse Brewing Company, and will report on any updates. Seth has also reached out to MCC, as the available date (September 20) coincides with the 2nd day of the Mundelein Arts Festival. Some discussion items from the last meeting:

- How to take tickets - have someone posted in the hallway leading to the side room?
- Tighthouse can plan to reserve a food truck for that day.
- Should we provide a small stipend for the musicians?
- Should a drink ticket come with admission?
- The cost to rent a sound system will be about \$500.
- Colleen M. needs to talk to the Finance Dept. about the financial logistics (i.e. how to take in donations via sold tickets and then donate it to the Fremont Food Pantry).

Seth and Chris have also been coordinating a new music-themed Farmers Market week, involving vinyl record sale booths. They will report on any updates.

Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam

The Acoustic Music and Guitar Jam is scheduled for Sunday, August 2, 2026 from 1-3 PM. It will be at 22 E. Park Street at the Village's park.



☆ Mundelein Arts Commission

Acoustic Music & Guitar Jam

Calling all acoustic music players! Bring your acoustic guitar, 5 string banjo, mandolin, fiddle, uke, bass, and voices! And be ready to jam! This will be a true jam, not an open mic. Jeff Justman of the Mundelein Arts Commission will be the host-musician of the acoustic jam event!

Attendees are invited to play their acoustic instruments together in a true, large jam band fashion. No electric instruments, horns, or drum sets, please. Food or beverages may be purchased at the restaurants adjacent to the jam's gathering space.

No advance sign-up is needed. Just show up with your acoustic instruments and/or voices! Event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Place: 22 E. Park Street (Outdoor Gathering Space Next to the "Mundelein" Mural)

Free to participate or watch!

For any questions, please write to jjustman@email.mundelein.org or call (847) 989-9634

Poetry and Storytelling Showcase

The Poetry and Storytelling Showcase is scheduled for Sunday, August 9, 2026 from 1-3 PM. It will be at 22 E. Park Street at the Village's park.



Art Pantries

At a 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. Chris has spoken to the Tool Library, who is interested in partnering and will get back to her. She met with Amanda and Colleen M. to discuss locations and process. Chris will talk to Public Works next about logistics.

Staff will be preparing a resolution for the Village Board to approve permitting the use of Village property for the three art pantries. Proposed locations:

- ABC Building (In front of Lure space)
- Courtland Commons
- Park next to Bill's Pizza

Beautification Committee Updates

Chris W. will report on any updates.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of June 15, 2026
Subject: Old Business

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

Percent for the Arts

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.

ArtsLink North Directory

Erin contacted ArtsLink North to inquire about access. No other updates at this time.

Mundopoly

No updates at this time.

Mundelein Arts Festival (Sponsorship, etc.)

No updates at this time.

Art-O-Mat

No updates at this time.

Recommendation:

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees
From: Colleen Malec, Senior Planner
For: Mundelein Arts Commission Meeting of June 15, 2026
Subject: New Business and Project Updates

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

None

Background:

Fremont Public Library Partnership

Chris W. has been speaking with the Fremont Public Library about a new Stars on Parade addition at their facility. She will report on any updates.

Recommendation: