



Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2022

Commission Members Present: Amy Cook, Kent Gallagher, Kevin Heckman, Doug Holzrichter, Jan Schmuckal, Dana Teichart, Tim Vetang

Also in Attendance: Cate Tracy, City of Geneva

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Vetang called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** Agenda stood as presented with a change of dates for the River Park Concert Series reading July 3, 10, 17, 24.
3. **Approve Minutes** – Schmuckal motioned, Gallagher seconded that the March 3, 2022, minutes be approved. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Review Financial Reports - Holzrichter**
 - ✚ Fund Equity Balance \$30,956.92 as of 03.31.22. Financial Reports were accepted as presented.
5. **Writing Contest Update - Cook**
 - ✚ There are no results as of now, Cook needs one judge's vote.
 - ✚ A reception is planned for May 11, 6pm, at City Hall for the winners, parents, and interested parties when certificates will be presented to the winners.
6. **Commission Vacancy – Vetang**
 - ✚ One person has applied for the position, deadline will be extended to May 4 for more applicants.
7. **Reports**
 - a. **Bus Stop Art** – Schmuckal
 - No report
 - b. **Arts Center Update** – Holzrichter
 - An exhibition is opening Friday, April 8, featuring GHS students, 6pm-8pm
 - Fundraising is going well
 - Bluegrass and Bourbon event is sold out!
 - Upgrading the GAC Board to 13, temporarily
 - Reaching over 17,000 people each month

- c. **Art on Fire – Tracy**
- This year, the International Cultural Exchange Committee of Geneva is offering a special award category for middle school students who paint French themed hydrants. ICEC will invite contest judges from Geneva’s Sister City, Croissy-sur-Seine.
- d. **River Park Summer Concert Series – Teichart**
- All four Sundays are set:
 - Illinois Brass Band July 3
 - Dixon Bandits July 10
 - Good Clean Fun Band July 17
 - Chez Butter July 24
 - Teichart will contact the United Methodist Church to see if we can use their space as an alternative place in case of rain.
 - Teichart and Tracy will update the performance agreements.
 - Thirty chairs will be rented for the Illinois Brass Band.
 - Dates have been secured with the Geneva Park District.
- e. **Fine Art Show Booth – Vetang**
- No report
- f. **Shakespeare in the Park –**
- “The Tempest” on July 30, 2022, the Saturday after the Art Fair
- g. **Chalk Art Idea – Heckman**
- Heckman emailed a program proposal with photos of various sites. He proposed hiring 2-4 professional artists and up to 20 participants.
 - August 6 is the tentative date for the chalk artists to begin.
 - Places proposed for chalk areas are sidewalks between various benches on 3rd Street, in front of the Geneva Post Office or Kane County Courthouse, near the Rain Man statue at Joshel Plaza, and Dodson Place. The driveway next to Graham’s 318, the south side of the Courthouse, and Geneva Commons were also considered. The Commission needs to determine its top choices, then attain permission from the City and/or property owners.
 - Discussion was held about where it should be, whether it’s concrete or asphalt. Asphalt is better for artists.
 - Jan will investigate into a temporary surface that can be moved.
- h. **Steeple Walk – Gallagher**
- No report
- i. **Commissioner Comments and Ideas**
- Gallagher asked the Commission if it had an interest in continuing the discussion from 2019 with the Geneva Park District about the sculpture park. According to Gallagher, GCAC was going to have an advisory role, but there is no commitment at this point. Vetang offered to contact the Park District to inquire on the status of the project. Tracy stated she would first check in with City staff for an update.

- Tracy asked the Commission if they have an interest in adding wraps to Geneva utility boxes with public art. Holzrichter and Teichart opposed this idea as the boxes are usually painted green or tan that already blends in with the surrounding area, so they won't be so noticeable. Schmuckal said this bears further discussion. The Commission decided to continue the discussion in the future. The project would involve sizing the art to fit the utility box and requesting artwork submissions. The option of painting the boxes with artwork or painting them to blend in better with the background was also discussed.
- Tracy will email us a map of the utility boxes.

8. Public Comments

 There were none.

9. Adjourn

 Teichart moved to Adjourn, Schmuckal seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Teichart
Secretary

Next Meetings – May 5, 2022
June 2, 2022
July 7, 2022
August 7, 2022
September 1, 2022
October 6, 2022
November 3, 2022
December 1, 2022