



## Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

**Commission Members Present:** Chazmin Baechler, Kent Gallagher, Doug Holzrichter, Dana Teichart

**Commission Members Attending by Video:** Amy Cook, Jan Schmuckal

**Commission Members Absent:** Kevin Heckman, Tim Vetang

**Also in Attendance:** Cate Tracy, City of Geneva

Catherine Tilly, “Dear Geneva, with Love”, Public Art Project

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** Agenda stood as presented.
3. **Approve Minutes** – Schmuckal motioned, Baechler seconded that the April, 2021, minutes be approved. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Review Financial Reports - Holzrichter**
  - ✚ Fund Equity Balance \$32,616.55. Financial Reports were accepted as presented.
5. **Public Art Presentation**
  - ✚ Catherine Tilly presented a “Dear Geneva, with Love” project and asked for \$2,500 from GCAC as seed money to help fund the project. Tilly was also encouraged to seek project support from other community organizations. She would have a wall in downtown Geneva where people could express their appreciation for Geneva with words and/or drawings. Tilly was invited to keep the GCAC updated on the project and request additional funding, if needed. After full discussion, Holzrichter motioned and Schmuckal seconded to award a \$2,500 grant to Ms. Tilly for her project. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Writing Contest Update - Cook**
  - ✚ Amy Cook announced the winners of the “Geneva Write Now” short story contest (below). The first, second, and third place winners’ names and their writings will be put on social media and in an e-blast (there were two second place winners). A \$25 honoraria will be sent to the judges.
7. **Summer Concert Series – Teichart**
  - ✚ Teichart presented several reasons for cancelling the summer concert series due to remaining COVID restraints and regulations mentioning:
    1. Many volunteers would be needed to control how many people enter the park and where they would be able to sit. The area might even need to be fenced off to accomplish this.
    2. There has been a recent increase of COVID in Kane County.

3. We would struggle with asking those attending to keep on their masks and to maintain social distancing between groups of people.
4. Having one or two shows in different months (as had been previously discussed) doesn't show continuity or permanence for GCAC and would confuse regular concert goers.
5. Pre-registration/reservations would have to be made prior to concerts per COVID state and county guidelines. The logistics of this, such as who would keep up with the list and possibly having to 'turn people away' at the sight would be complicated confusing.
6. Since the Summer Series isn't a major fund raiser, it isn't absolutely necessary that we have it this year since there are so many obstacles.

✚ Gallagher suggested we have two concerts on July 11 and July 18 since the County has moved into the "Bridge Phase" of COVID and wait to see if the full Phase 5 is in place by July 11. He also suggested that the performers' contracts reflect certain restrictions such as a 'right to cancel' (with a postponed concert to be performed at a later date) because of COVID restrictions and/or rain. In case of rain, we would pay performers ½ of their fee, then the remaining ½ when the performance actually takes place.

✚ It was decided to have two summer concerts at River Park on July 11 and July 18 at 6 pm.

## 8. Library Anniversary Event – Baechler

✚ The anniversary of the new Geneva Public Library is the week of July 12-18, 2021, and Baechler would like for GCAC to be part of the program events.

✚ Baechler also reached out to Gail Gaboda and Commissioner Kevin Heckman about presenting a seminar of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" with a possibility of presenting the play at Island Park. Two groups mentioned were Goodly Creatures Theater and Kane County Repertory Theater.

## 9. Reports

a. **Shakespeare in the Park** has a tentative date proposed for Saturday, July 17, at Island Park.

b. **Geneva Arts Fair** - The GCAC will have a booth at the Geneva Arts Fair on July 24-25.

### c. **Foundation Update - Holzrichter**

✚ The "Under Glass" art displays throughout downtown Geneva ended May 1 and was deemed to be a success.

✚ The Foundation is considering collaboration with the Water Street Studios to share revenue for classes which could convey \$20,000-\$30,000 annual revenue.

✚ A location for the Geneva Arts Center is still being discussed. The old public library has been suggested but it needs so much updating and maintenance that it might not be feasible.

✚ The Foundation is going to create a Founders' Club to help fundraise for the future center.

✚ Holzrichter suggested the Commission and Foundation review the "Statement Letter of Cooperation" from the 2017 workshop to examine the responsibilities of each entity. Teichart moved, Schmuckal seconded, motion passed unanimously.

🚩 Cate Tracy will send the document to both groups for perusal.

**d. Steeple Walk - Gallagher**

🚩 Will be contingently presented in December, 2021.

**e. Sculptured Bike Rack – Schmuckal**

🚩 Schmuckal will contact the artist again for the Library bike rack.

**f. Gimme Shelter – Schmuckal**

🚩 Waiting on the Public Art Advisory Committee to review art admissions.

**g. Art on Fire – Postponed for the time-being**

**h. Commissioner Comments & Ideas – Tracy** asked that the GCAC meeting time be moved to 6 pm to follow video call requirements during the pandemic with IT staff. Commissioners were in agreement.

**10. Public Comments –** There were none.

**11. Adjourn -** Motion to adjourn was made by Teichart and seconded by Schmuckal.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dana Teichart*  
Secretary

Next Meetings – June 3, 2021  
July 1, 2021  
Aug 5, 2021  
September 2, 2021  
October 7, 2021  
November 4, 2021  
December 2, 2021

**Geneva Cultural Arts Commission  
Write Now Short Story Contest Winners  
May 2021**

**Adult Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paula Garrett.....\$250  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie): Todd Hertz.....\$150  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie): Elyse Toma.....\$150  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mary Pastorello.....\$100

**High School Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Grace Cieslikowski.....\$100

**Middle School Category**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Evelyn Barrett.....\$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Elena Ramirez.....\$75  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tullia Pastorello.....\$50