



**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 1, 2021 – 7 pm**

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

**Commission Members Attending by Phone:** Kevin Heckman

**Commission Members Absent:** Chazmin Baechler

**Also in Attendance:** Cate Tracy, City of Geneva  
Gail Gaboda, Shakespeare in the Park Coordinator

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Vetang called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** Agenda stood as presented.
3. **Approve Minutes** – Gallagher motioned and Schmuckal seconded for approval of the June minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Review Financial Reports - Holzrichter**
  - ✚ The current Fund Equity Balance is \$37,586. Financial Reports were accepted as presented.
5. **Public Art Postcard Engagement – Vetang**
  - ✚ Vetang distributed “Dear Geneva, With Love” post cards to Commissioners, as well as a report from the program director, Catherine Tilly. Tilly has preserved many of the notes and the Geneva History Center will archive these postcards.
6. **Summer Concert Series – Teichart**
  - ✚ Everything is moving smoothly for the July 11 and July 18 concerts at RiverPark by “Good Clean Fun Band” and “School of Rock House Band”, respectively. The concerts will begin at 6 pm. Vetang and Holzrichter volunteered to be at the July 11 concert, Gallagher on the 18th. The Marquee in downtown Geneva is set to advertise both concerts.
7. **Shakespeare in the Park - Gaboda**
  - ✚ Gaboda saw a rehearsal of “A Midsummer’s Night Dream” by ‘Goodly Creatures’ and reported that it is an excellent show for July 17 at Island Park. Stockholm’s will be the only vendor, the Marquee is set up to advertise the event in downtown Geneva, programs will cost approximately \$100 and \$25 for posters/stickers. Gaboda suggested giving gift certificates for audience members who came the furthest and for the best picnic, but these items were not in the current budget. This will be discussed for next year’s event.

## 8. Geneva Public Library - Gaboda

- ✚ Various Shakespeare events to be held at the Library were discussed including a seminar by Commissioner Heckman and his wife Christine, an appearance by the character Puck, and a photo booth. Tracy suggested that the City link to the Library's website from the Shakespeare in the Park web page.

## 9. Reports

### a. Geneva Arts Fair Booth, July 24-25, 2021 - Vetang

- ✚ The GCAC booth will be in front of Dodson Place on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be set up late afternoon on that Friday.

### b. Foundation Update – Holzrichter

- ✚ Geneva will have a new Arts Center! To open in September, the Arts Center will be at 321 Stevens Street, Suite Q, next to Playhouse 38. Included in the 3-year lease are about 2,000 sq. ft. of space for galleries, classrooms, etc.

- ✚ A "Founders Club" will be created (\$1,000 minimum donors) to help fund the Center and Water Street Studios will collaborate and partner with GFA to provide classes and will share revenue with GFA.

- ✚ The exact name has not been finalized, but Geneva will likely be included in the name.

### c. Steeple Walk – Gallagher

- ✚ The "Steel Pan Band" has been secured as one of the performers for Dec. 5 which is also Christmas Walk weekend.

### d. Sculptured Bike Rack – Schmuckal

- ✚ Discussion was held about a recent Viking Ship sculpture proposal to be erected by the new Geneva Public Library. All Commissioners were satisfied with the design.

- ✚ GCAC would be responsible for coordinating the fabrication of the bike rack.

### e. Gimme Shelter, Bus Stop Art – Schmuckal

- ✚ No report.

### f. Art on Fire – Schmuckal

- ✚ Tracy reported that the City has received seven proposals for painted fire hydrants. The City has extended the application deadline to July 30.

### g. Commissioner Comments & Ideas –

- ✚ Vetang reiterated that the storage unit needs cleaning out.

- ✚ Tracy reminded us that we have artwork in the former Good Cents store at 220 W. State Street and that we should remove the artwork. Vetang will offer the bronze sculpture to the Library and Painted Cello to the High School Music Dept.

- ✚ Tracy reported that the acting Shakespeare troupe "Goodly Creatures" wanted \$250 if the performance is cancelled for any reason. Heckman said that "acts of God" are not usually included in no-performance clauses. It was concluded that if there is a cancellation, it will be a staff decision at that point.

## 10. Public Comments – There were none.

## 11. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn was made by Schmuckal and seconded by Heckman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dana Teichart*  
Secretary

Next Meetings – August 5, 2021  
September 2, 2021  
October 7, 2021  
November 4, 2021  
December 2, 2021