



Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2021 – 7 pm

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

Commission Members Absent: Dana Teichart

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.
3. **Approve Minutes** – Schmuckal motioned and Gallagher seconded for approval of the August minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Review Financial Reports - Holzrichter**
 - ✚ The current Fund Equity Balance is \$34,191. Financial Reports were accepted as presented. Additional expenses are expected next month, including printing for Shakespeare, printing a plaque and bus stop art installation, which was slightly lower than 2019 costs at \$1,528. Some discussion followed about ensuring the proper permits were pulled by the printers for the fall 2021 installation.
5. **Public Art Postcard Engagement – Vetang**
 - ✚ The event continues and the wall is rewritten every couple of days.
 - ✚ A special thanks sign has been added to the site naming supportive businesses, the Commission and the Foundation
6. **Skyward Dedication – Vetang**
 - ✚ Vetang reports the event went well. The mayor spoke, and the artist and donors were present
 - ✚ Teichart, Holzrichter and Vetang were there representing the Commission
7. **Summer Concert Series – Teichart**
 - ✚ Unfortunately, the re-rescheduled performance of the “Good Clean Fun Band” was rained out after four songs
 - ✚ 75-100 people were in attendance
 - ✚ The band will be paid their full fee, given their flexibility and incurred travel costs
8. **Library Bike Rack - Vetang**
 - ✚ Nothing new to report. The library is still considering whether to incorporate the bike rack into the landscaping project. No other locations at the library are an option, but sites outside of the library could be considered for the dragon design.

9. Reports

a. Bus Stop Art - Schmuckal

- ✚ The Route 38 bus stop has applied vinyl lettering spelling out “No loitering”
- ✚ Schmuckal was concerned whatever entity applied the lettering would not want the mural applied
- ✚ She will contact the county and, if necessary, Pace to determine whether there is an issue
- ✚ Tracy volunteered to ask the police if they were aware of it

b. Foundation update - Holzrichter

- ✚ Doors to the Arts Center are now open and executive director is onsite full time
- ✚ Website went live today
- ✚ A Founding Members event will be held 10/1. Founding members are still being sought if anyone is interested
- ✚ The first exhibit will be 9/17 from 5-8pm in association with the Kane County Health Department in recognition of September as suicide prevention month
- ✚ Proposed that the October meeting be held at the Arts Center

c. Steeple Walk - Gallagher

- ✚ Two groups have committed, although one still seems uncertain given the widespread delta variant
- ✚ Additional options are being explored
- ✚ Lineup must be finalized by October to allow ticket sales to begin on time

d. Art on Fire - Tracy

- ✚ Four of the seven submissions have now been completed
- ✚ Pictures of those four were circulated to the Commission
- ✚ A request for votes on the top three will be sent out in the next few days

e. Literary Event - Cook

- ✚ Final hand-off of the awards is now complete
- ✚ The next iteration would kick off in January
- ✚ Cook is interested in coordinating the contest for a 2nd year with a reception and possibly recordings of the winning stories.

f. Geneva Fine Art Fair Booth – July 2022 - Vetang

- ✚ No update

g. Shakespeare in the Park – Saturday after Art Fair 2022 - Vetang

- ✚ We have a verbal commitment from Goodly Creatures
- ✚ Current plan is to have performance the Saturday after the Art Fair to allow better promotion

h. Commissioner Comments & Ideas

- ✚ It was confirmed that the October 7 meeting will take place at the Geneva Arts Center

10. Public Comments – There were none.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Heckman
Commissioner acting as Secretary

Next Meetings – October 7, 2021
November 4, 2021
December 2, 2021