



**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6 p.m.
Oswego Village Hall, Community Room
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego IL 60543**

START OF MEETING

Tony Pastore called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Pastore, Karen Kulzer, Katie Marter, Dana Rickard, Annalise Schmitt
Chuck Boudreau, Michelle Meyers, Bridget Piekarczyk
Absent: Kristie Vest
Staff: Bridget Bittman

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum was open and closed at 6:12 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Katie Marter made a motion, seconded by Dana Rickard to approve, as amended, the November 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

D.1 Utility box wrap update

A local printer can design the wrap for approximately \$800. It needs to be at least 55 degrees to apply, so it was decided to delay production until spring. In the meantime, Bridget P. and Karen Kulzer will work on the design. The design will be a floral theme and have the name and date the exhibit was installed. Tony advised the name of the project is described in previous CAC minutes.

D.2 Silo mural update

The CAC would like to install lighting on all sides, create a sign for the exhibit and perform landscaping around the silos. Bridget B. advised the Village will schedule an opening ceremony at a later date and the Village facility manager is now assisting with installing lights onsite.

The Commissioners discussed printing items featuring the artist's silo art. Bridget B. advised a local business can create online store to sell items and raise funds. Tony advised he'd like to see a nicer T-shirt and Karen recommended "Bella Canva" brand because the items are soft and don't shrink. CAC would like to feature hoodies, T-shirts. Bridget P. suggested putting the artist's signature on the products. To promote the online store we can use the print and electronic newsletters and social media. Dana suggested putting the silo on water bottles and to use the fundraising for scholarships. Bridget P. prefers the money to benefit public art in the Village and Tony agreed. Bridget B. will check with Finance to determine if this is feasible.

D3. Silo solar lighting update

Bridget B. advised that the project is being managed by the Village's facility manager who has recommended regular electricity rather than solar.

D4. 2025 Look Up Oswego update

Bridget B. created the Look Up Oswego online interest form and emailed all District 308 teachers the 2025 program deadlines and details. Ten schools have expressed interest. Bridget P. said she would follow up with the art teachers who had not responded to encourage participation. Karen will reach out to ACES which has an opportunity for three 24”x24” banners, instead of the larger size that was noted in the first teacher email.

Bridget P. asked if the Village hosted the Cookie Walk. Bridget B. explained that the Oswego Downtown Association hosts the event. Commissioners stated there may be an opportunity to partner with the ODA for an art crawl, walking map and/or scavenger hunt to highlight the banners in 2025. Dana also added the we could add the functional public art bicycle racks to the activity. The discussion will be continued at a 2025 future meeting

D5. Official 2025 CAC meeting dates have been published on the Village’s website:

- January 8, 2025
- February 12, 2025
- March 12, 2025
- April 9, 2025
- May 14, 2025
- June 18, 2025
- July 9, 2025
- August 13, 2025
- September 10, 2025
- October 8, 2025
- November 12, 2025
- December 10, 2025

NEW BUSINESS

E1. Village 2025 Village Hall Art exhibit review

Commissioners reviewed the Village Hall Art exhibit. Bridget B. advised the language in Section II, 2 is repeated in SectionVI, C2, Selection Criteria. There was discussion about the artist showing all of the artwork in the application process. Bridget B. explained the 2025 application asked artists for samples of their work and a description of the exhibit, but does not specifically require artists to show each artwork piece in the application. Chuck asked about the sales portion of the policy. Bridget B. confirmed that the artists may sell their work, but the Village is not involved in the sales process. Interested parties must contact the artist.

Karen made a motion to approve the policy, Tony seconded and the policy passed unanimously.

F2. 2025 Village Hall Art Exhibit Selection

The commissioners reviewed 6 artists submissions and unanimously selected the following 2025 artists and time periods:

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| April | Jim Rendant |
| June | Jenna Butler |
| August | Beth Berry |
| November | Luisa Cedin |

Bridget B. will contact the selected artists to confirm the artists will accept the opportunity and the time frame.

STAFF REPORTS

None

Annalise left the meeting at approximately 8 p.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Tony: No report

Michelle: No report

Dana: No report

Karen: Excited her daughter has a solo in Hebrew with the Young Naperville Singers. FRAMA singers are performing before the Disney Frozen performance on December 14 at the Paramount. Attended the Allegro Nutcrackers performance at Rosary which was wonderful and featured two guest artists.

Bridget P. No report

Katie: Happy holidays and thanks for the pizza.

NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Tony made the motion to adjourn, and Chuck seconded. Meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.