

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE
GURNEE ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, October 13, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers at the Gurnee Village Hall located at
325 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, IL

1. Call to Order

- A** Matt called the meeting to order at 6:02pm
- B** In Attendance: Matt Trujillo, Beth Keslinke, Lynn Granstrom, Kirsten Saunders, April Colette, Angela Baldwin, Roger Eaton, Randy Blaser, Lei Mangaran, Janelle Rominski, Ron Arden
- C** Absent: Jay Stuckwisch, Fiona Tranter

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

- A** There was no public comment.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

- A** September 15, 2025
 - Randy made a motion to approve the minutes, and Roger seconded the motion.
 - There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

5. Discussion Items

- A Art related program announcements**
 - **WTHS Art Career Expo**
 - **Other events/programs**
 - The group shared information about a Shop Small weekend event hosted by Angela and the Lure of the Local event.

6. New Business

- A Sub-Committees Review**
 - **The group discussed the sub-committees being:**
 - **Public Art** (Beth, Kirsten, Lei)
 - **Public Relations** (Lynn, Janelle, Randy)
 - **Performing Arts** (April, Angela, Ron)
 - **Programs & Events** (Roger, Jay, Fiona)
 - Beth made a motion to approve the new sub-committees and Randy seconded the motion.
 - Matt asked the group to write down initiatives that they would like to see each sub commission work on.
 - The group reviewed the items and then each sub commission was tasked with meeting before the

next Arts Commission meeting to come up with their top 5 initiatives for 2026.

- The group asked Matt to send out a draft calendar of events and the group contact information again.

B Next Steps Discussion

- **Mission/Vision Statement/Core Values**

- The group discussed that a mission/statement/core values will be worked on by Roger Eaton. The group would like to have this finalized by 2026.

- **Top priorities for 2026**

- Sub commissions will be working on their top 5 initiatives for 2026.

7. Next Arts Commission Meetings

A November 10, December 8

B Meeting Calendar for 2026

8. Public Comment

A There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

A Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ron seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

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