

VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD  
FINE ARTS COMMISSION

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Minutes of Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2019  
6:00 p.m. – Community Conference Room 206

Members Present: Jeff Marks, Chair  
Dottie Fiedler  
Anne Kleinerman  
Kip Strasma  
Kathleen Warren  
Jeff Nehila  
Judy Hoffman  
Mike Moran

Also Present: David Fitzgerald, Management Analyst

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marks at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

No one was present for public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Strasma moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Fiedler seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. Public Murals Update**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that he and Commissioner Warren met with resident Dave Seidler, who owns a business that places murals in public places. He noted that because of Mr. Seidler's schedule, he is not able to commit to be a full member of the Commission, but would like to be involved in future mural projects. Commissioner Strasma noted that his experience would be beneficial. Mr. Moran noted that the due date for this year's mural submissions is May 15. Analyst Fitzgerald and Commissioner Warren will meet with Mr. Moran to narrow the selection and bring the top 20 to 30 submissions to the full Commission to review.

would like the theme to be an inspiration and not too specific. The group decided to ask that mural designs be inspired by nature, sustainability and/or ecology.

**5. Public Art Program**

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the program is going well and that he will bring the dates for the next year's program to the Commission.

**6. Middle School Art Fair**

Commissioner Kleinerman reported that three schools participated: Shepard, Caruso and Bannockburn Middle Schools. She noted it went very well with more than 60 people coming to Deerfield High School. She reported that representatives for the middle schools and high school indicated that they would like to hold the fair again next year. Will look at doing it again next year.

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**7. Village Update**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that staff is reaching out to the owner of the building at the northwest corner of Deerfield and Waukegan roads for a possible mural location.

**8. New Art Programing Updates**

Commissioner Strasma reported on bringing Vincent Caranchini to the Village for a residence. Mr. Caranchini will work with Deerfield High School students to curate a show at their new gallery room at the high school, do a presentation at the Library and provide pieces for the public art program. The Commission is offering him a \$250 honorarium. Commissioner Fiedler reported that antique appraiser Martha Peck will do a roadshow in January 202. Commissioner Kleinerman reported on bringing in speaker Christine O'Connor to discuss the history of women in the arts, going through the stages of women in the arts in the 60s and 70s through today. Commissioner Fiedler

**9. DHS Update**

It was noted that the set for the recent musical was very impressive.

**10. Park District Update**

Mr. Nehila Jeff reported on the Theater D Show "It's Almost Maine." He also reported that the Park District is working with District 109 on a plan to renovate the Caruso Theater to add seating and space. He noted the theater would be used by both entities and would house theater programing in the summer. Chairman Marks noted that the Commission could draft a letter of support of the partnership. He also inquired about possible use for professional theater groups to use the space.

**11. Library Update**

Ms. Hoffman reported on Fight to Integrate Deerfield. She noted it is booked with a waiting list of 50. They are planning to live-stream the presentation. She noted the Georgia O'Keeffe event co-sponsored by the Commission is nearly booked. The Library is also holding programs on Soviet Propaganda and John Singer Sargent that the Commission is sponsoring and are filling up.

**12. Other Projects/Items for Discussion**

Commissioner Fiedler reported that she would like to better promote the efforts and successes of the Commission. The group also discussed lighting for the sculptures and adding a new pad for sculptures.

**13. Adjournment**

Commissioner Fiedler made a motion adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strasma. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

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**David Fitzgerald**  
**Management Analyst**