

Skokie Fine Arts Commission
June 14, 2023
Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order at 7 p.m. by Chairperson Pam Garbarini

Present: Chairperson Pam Garbarini, Staff Representative Alex Franz, and Commissioners, Debra Hatchett, Pramod Joshi, Judy Levan, Sonya Osseny, Mitch Thomas, James VanOsdol, Sharon Vicker and Trustee Ralph Klein.

2. Upcoming Projects

- a. October 2023 National Arts and Humanities Month
 - i. Proclamation - The Mayor will read the proclamation at the October 2, 2023 Village Board meeting. All commissioners are strongly encouraged to attend. Jeff, Mitch and Meredith continue to work on FAQ's and forms as well as the digital calendar of events.
 - b. Spring/Summer 2023 Skokie Through the Lens- "Delighting in Our Diversity"
 - i. The submission form will be available online and will be emailed automatically to liaison, chair and subcommittee members.
 - c. October Storytelling Event
 - i. Take Flight Dates – Commissioner VanOsdol will reach out to Take Flight to determine which date works best.
 - ii. Theme Suggestions – The group discussed having a "Ghost Stories" theme and naming the event "Ghosted." Commissioners Thomas and VanOsdol will work together to create an Event Brite.
 - d. Cultural Arts Grants
 - i. Discussion – Chairperson Garbarini suggested that grants be made available to both schools & non-profits under one application and that the \$500 award ceiling be removed. Commissioner Osseny agreed that non-profits should be included. Chairperson Garbarini further stated that in the past non-profits and schools were two separate pools of money and suggested that they be combined. The group agreed with her. A motion was made by Chairperson Garbarini to include non-profits and schools and was seconded by Commissioner Osseny. All approved.
 - ii. Online Application - Chairperson Garbarini and Alex explained that the grant application can be made into an online form similar to the "Skokie Through the Lens" form and can have the ability for any supporting documents to be uploaded.
 - iii. Grant Workshop / Simpler Application – The group agreed that a grant workshop was not necessary and that the application should be simplified.
- 3. New Business**

Trustee Klein encouraged the commission to look toward the future in events and programming and to think of ideas that further get the Fine Arts Commission's name out. He further explained that as the commission continues to grow through the grants, events, programs, etc. that it offers, more funding may become available.

4. Adjournment – Commissioner Hatchett motioned we adjourn and Commissioner Osseny seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: August 9, 2023

**Skokie Village Hall 5127 Oakton Street Skokie, IL
Conference Rooms D&E**

NO JULY MEETING