

December 8, 2021 Skokie Fine Arts Commission Meeting Summary

- I. **Call to Order** – at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Pam Garbarini; those present in the training room at Skokie Police Headquarters included Vice Chairperson Jeff Rhodes, Mira Chander, Debra Hatchett, Judy Levan, Doris Liberman, Sonya Osseny, Pamela Sloan, Mitch Thomas, and Pamela Williams as well as staff liaisons Enkhnasan Taylor and Ann Tennes.

Garbarini announced that scheduled guest speaker Gary Newhouse, board member of the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, canceled and is rescheduled to the January 12, 2022 meeting.

- II. **Artistic Excellence Awards** – Garbarini reminded everyone that the 2021 Artistic Excellence Awards will be presented at the December 20, 2021, 8 p.m. Village Board meeting, and all commissioners are encouraged to attend. Tennes confirmed that item will be early in the meeting agenda, with commissioners likely able to leave no later than 8:30 p.m. Tennes said that she would ask all commissioners present to stand and be recognized by the Village Board. The awards will be given to Anatomically Correct, a non-profit arts organization founded and continued by Fine Arts Commissioner Debra Hatchett and Skokie resident and artist Richard Lichtenstein. Tennes advised that the Lichtenstein family is delighted about the award.
- III. **SOAR** – Tennes advised that the response deadline for schools is December 17, and that three schools had responded affirmatively about participating in the March 2022 SOAR exhibition: Middleton School, District 68 Early Childhood Center and Mosaic Early Childhood Center. Garbarini said that commissioners might be enlisted to call non-responsive schools during early January.
- IV. **Open Discussion** – Garbarini asked commissioners to introduce themselves as some had not met at earlier meetings. Tennes briefed the commission on an upcoming facility management and programming vendor transition at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Several commissioners asked Tennes questions about Downtown Skokie development. A few members advised the group about their upcoming arts events and Tennes offered to send information via email to the entire commission.
- V. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13 and May 11 2022; location either conference rooms D/E at Village Hall or Skokie Police Headquarters training room.