

VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD  
FINE ARTS COMMISSION

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Minutes of Meeting – Monday, September 13, 2021  
7 p.m. – Zoom

Members Present: Jeff Marks, Chair  
Dottie Fiedler  
Amy Charlson  
Kathleen Warren  
Barbara Weisskopf  
Jeff Nehila  
Judy Hoffman  
Mike Moran

Also Present: David Fitzgerald-Sullivan, Management Analyst

**1. Call to Order:**

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

**2. Public Comment**

No one was present for public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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

**4. New Mayor Meeting**

Chairman Marks reported that he met with Mayor Shapiro regarding the Commission. They discussed past and current actions, art in vacant storefronts, the Takeda art donation, murals and co-sponsorships.

**5. Mural Review**

Mr. Moran reported the students didn't have photoshop, illustrator, or other licensed products, making the process more difficult. He noted there were far fewer submissions this year with a difficult school year interrupted by Covid-19. Mr. Nehila reported he would like the "Dis-Ability" mural for Jewett Park Community Center. Commissioner Charlson noted that this year's submissions were not up to par with previous winners. Commissioner Warren suggested going forward with these submissions, but only display them for eight months to get back on the normal schedule. The group asked Mr. Moran for artist statements from the top five selections.

**6. Discussion of Takeda Art Donation**

Ms. Hoffman suggested selling the art via a dealer and using the money for arts programs in the Village. Mr. Fitzgerald-Sullivan noted some could be placed in Village offices. Mr. Nehila suggested keeping some and selling others. Commissioner Charlson suggested donating some to local non-profits and other government partners. Commissioner Fiedler liked the idea of selling it and offered a company to use. She believes it will be good public relations. Commissioner Weisskopf suggested a scholarship. Mr. Moran noted some could be used in empty storefronts. It was suggested that the Village look into insuring the pieces.

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**7. Park District Update**

Mr. Nehila reported School House Rock is the fall musical for Family Theater and the renovation of Caruso Theater with the Park District contributing \$1 million.

**8. Library Update**

Ms. Hoffman reported the Library is back open and holding outdoor and virtual events. They are looking at in-person/hybrid programs for the fall. They have a virtual photo contest and are offering calligraphy, origami and zombie drawing classes.

**9. Village Update**

Mr. Fitzgerald-Sullivan reminded that Harvest Fest is September 18 and 19.

**10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Fiedler made a motion adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kleinerman. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

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**David Fitzgerald-Sullivan**  
**Communications Coordinator**