

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE  
**LIBERTYVILLE ARTS COMMISSION**

January 28, 2019  
Libertyville Village Hall  
118 W. Cook Avenue  
**2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Comprehensive Plan Discussion
- 3) Discuss Public Art DRAFT Guideline
- 4) Discuss Potential Public Art Location
- 5) Review of Yarnstorm Art Installation Request
- 6) Festival of the Arts
- 7) Other
- 8) Next meeting date – March 25, 2019
- 9) Adjournment

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Minutes  
Monday, December 3, 2018

A meeting of the Libertyville Arts Commission was held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 2:03 p.m. at the Libertyville Village Hall. Those in attendance included Commission Members: Chairperson Amy Williams, Glen Moss, Jerry Thompson, Jim Connell, Terry Bangs and Elise Steffe. David Stuart was unable to attend. Also in attendance was Deputy Village Administrator Ashley Engelmann.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Moss and seconded by Commissioner Bangs to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018 as presented.

**Discuss Public Art Guideline Samples**

A draft guideline document was distributed for review as part of the meeting packet. The group discussed the draft document. It was determined that the mission statement should stand alone from the policy document and that the policy document should be less restrictive.

The group consensus was to remove the mission statement, remove the first sentence of the purpose and to maintain the specifics listed in #2, 7, 8 and 9 provided within the draft document.

Ms. Engelmann will update the document for review at the next meeting.

**Discuss Public Art Themes**

The group brainstormed regarding some potential locations for public art. The municipal garage off of Cook Avenue was discussed. The group consensus was to try to identify an alternative location other than the parking garage. Ideas that were presented as potential options were alleys within the downtown or possibly on private buildings. Ms. Engelmann noted that alternatives should be looked at as providing funding for public art work on a private building or facility would present challenges.

Discussion occurred regarding Black Cat Yoga's mural proposal that is currently on their website. They are seeking artists to paint a mural on their building. They do state within their call for an artist that the Village would need to be consulted regarding any code requirements. The group discussed whether there could be an opportunity to partner with Black Cat Yoga. Ms. Engelmann stated that it would be unlikely due to the fact that their scope states that the name of the business must be incorporated into the mural and that the Village cannot use public funds to pay for an advertisement for a private business.

Discussion continued with the idea that it would be good to encourage local artists to paint a mural in the downtown.

Other locations that were mentioned were near the downtown Metra train station and alleyways within the downtown. The group determined that a subcommittee to identify potential locations should be created and locations should be discussed at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Chair Williams to establish a subcommittee to review options. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Arts Month Preparation Discussion**

Chair Williams noted that the theme for Arts Month is Young Blood. Letters will be sent out in January by the Village announcing the event. It was also noted that another drum circle is scheduled in March and there will be another that will occur in summer.

### **Other**

Commissioner Thompson asked if there has been any further discussion related to a community theater. Ms. Engelmann noted that at the meeting in January the Community Development Director will be present to discuss the comprehensive planning process and that this will be an opportunity to bring up matters related to the interest of a community theater.

Chair Williams noted that she has been discussing with the Village the possibility of adding an addition to the Adler Center site and getting the grounds up to par. The Adler Center staff and some of the Adler Board members plan to meet with the Village to discuss this further.

Commissioner Moss mentioned the Audubon Society and that they recently received a grant to remove invasive species and that there may be an opportunity for similar grant funding at the Adler Center.

### **Adjournment**

Member Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Williams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Engelmann  
Deputy Village Administrator

# **Libertyville Arts Commission Public Art Policy**

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### **Policy:**

Public art may include both visual and performing arts. The Commission shall review all public art related projects and recommend approval or denial to the Village Board.

The Libertyville Arts Commission will strive to align public art with community interests.

Topical areas of interest, as defined by the community, will be expressed and responded to by the Commission. The Commission will explore permanent acquisition and placement of public art, as well as temporary exhibitions of public art, and diverse educational programs investigating community interests.

Specifically, the Village seeks to develop a public art exhibition program and collection that:

1. Reflects Libertyville's diverse history, citizenry and natural beauty.
2. Fosters innovation and promotes artistic excellence.
3. Strengthens community identity and pride.
4. Artwork should not promote specific political or religious affiliations.

## **Mission Statement-Arts Commission**

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The mission of the Libertyville Arts Commission is to provide expert advice and recommendations to the Libertyville Village Board on encouraging, developing, displaying, demonstrating and approving performance and fine art in Libertyville.

The Commission will champion excellence and provide expertise in the performance, musical and visual arts, as well as in design, architecture and landscape. We will support creativity, encourage diversity of ideas and expression, and promote tolerance of multiple opinions. We will demonstrate that commitment through ongoing and Ad Hoc public displays of visual, performance and musical arts.

We believe that a Village with such commitment can build a rewarding, inspiring environment for our residents, businesses and visitors, extending opportunities for life-long learning and the preservation of Village history.

# Let's Yarnstorm Libertyville!



## Coloring Day: Feb.24 @ NOON

You are invited to participate in a community art installation: *Wrapped in Art – Libertyville*. As part of the David Adler Music & Art Center's 2018 *Fine Arts Month* initiative, we will be *Yarnstorming* downtown Libertyville, using knitted and crocheted yarn to decorate the trees along Milwaukee Avenue.

**Thank you** to over 100 knitters and crocheters who have been creating the finished material for the project. Keep it coming! All are invited to participate in this collaborative art project. Non-stitchers are encouraged to help with the installation on February 24<sup>th</sup> "Coloring Day". Many hands will be needed to sew the material to the trees! The art project will stay on display through *Fine Arts Month* of March.

### How can you get involved?

- ❖ Please let us know you're interested, so we can keep you updated on gatherings & logistics:

- email Beth McKenna: [bethmcmc@gmail.com](mailto:bethmcmc@gmail.com)
- email Beth Schrag: [bethschrag@hotmail.com](mailto:bethschrag@hotmail.com)
- Follow us on Facebook: [Wrapped in Art - Libertyville](#)

- ❖ Keep on Knitting & Crocheting!

- Using colorful Acrylic yarns, stitch approx. 8" squares. Any pattern or stitch or gauge. Great way to use-up old yarn.
- To help prepare for the outdoor installation, stitch-together individual squares into 4-foot lengths. The more mismatched the colors, the better! (see Facebook page for photo examples of stitched together squares)
- Drop off finished work at The Adler Center office by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> or just bring it with you to the Coloring Day *Yarnstorm* event on Feb.24<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Come to Coloring Day! Bring your family & friends.

- Meet at northeast corner of Cook Park in Libertyville, Saturday, Feb.24, @ 12:00 noon
- Our installation will involve patching-together colorful knitted & crocheted squares and wrapping the trees along Milwaukee Ave. from Church St. to Lake St.
- All are welcome to the *Yarnstorming* event. We need your help... The more hands the better!
- Please bring *Yarnstorm Kit*: scissors, large-eyed blunt needle & large ball of bright acrylic yarn.
- Come for a cup of hot chocolate and be part of this exciting community event. (Did we say the more helping hands the better?)

Crochet & Knit  
Drop-ins

The Adler Center  
1700 N. Milwaukee

Sat. 2/3, 9-noon  
Tues. 2/13, 6-9pm  
Tues, 2/20, 6-9pm

Come to stitch or  
drop-off your  
finished pieces