



Village of Niles  
PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.  
In-Person, Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room/EOC

**Members Present:**

CHAIR Kim Biederman - Niles Chamber of Commerce  
Marina Samovsky - Photographer  
Julie Jentel - Niles Park District  
Barbara Karawacki - Niles Historical Society  
Carol Luc - Artist  
Kathleen Gallegos - Artist  
Carly Derec - Artist  
Janet Spector Bishop - School District 63

**Members Absent:**

Victoria Luz- Niles - Maine District Library  
Sarah Djordjevic - Maine East Fine Arts Dept

**Village Officials/Staff Present:**

Katie Schneider - Community Engagement Coordinator

**I. Call to Order:**

Kim Biederman called the meeting to order in person at Village Hall, EOC, 1000 Civic Center Drive and at 4:40 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Katie Schneider stated that minutes from the September 13, 2022 were not complete and will be presented at the next meeting.

**IV. Organization Representative Reports**

Members of the Council each gave an update.

**V. Niles Artisan Guild**

No report was given.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. **Art Exhibition Stanislaw Kieler:** Katie Schneider just updated the Council that she spoke with Stanislaw Kieler and he did not want to pursue anything further. He may be interested in being one of the Fitness Center Artists. This grant application has been denied and completed.

**VII. New Business**

- a. **Grant Application - Nepal Fest 2023:** Members of the Council reviewed and discussed the grant application. They agreed that the grant project met the grant criteria and would very much support the efforts of the event organizers. Janet Spector Bishop made a motion to award the group up to \$5,000 in grant money to implement items C & D in their proposal. Marina Samovsky second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Katie Schneider will follow up and administer the grant money.
- b. **Fitness Center Art Gallery:** Marina Samovsky proposed that photographer Stephen Serio be the next artist featured in the gallery. He has a spring collection that would be perfect for April and May. The Council agreed to move forward.

- c. **Sandro Miller Art Consultant** – Katie Schneider reported that the Village is working on a consulting agreement with Sando Miller to assist in bringing public art to Niles. She will forward more information to the Arts and Culture Council on Sandro Miller.
  
- d. **Village Sites for Public Art:** An updated site plan was distributed to the Council, these are identified locations where public art should be part of any development, beautification or redevelopment plans.

#### **VIII. Open Discussion**

There was no open discussion.

#### **IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and will be in person only.

#### **X. Adjournment**

Janet Spector Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Julie Jentel second the motion, all were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

*Minutes submitted by: Katie Schneider, Community Engagement Coordinator*