



Village of Niles  
PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 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  
Victoria Luz- Niles - Maine District Library  
Julie Jentel - Niles Park District  
Barbara Karawacki - Niles Historical Society  
Carol Luc - Artist  
Sarah Djordjevic - Maine East Fine Arts Dept  
Carly Derec - Artist  
Janet Spector Bishop - School District 63

**Members Absent:**

Kathleen Gallegos - Artist  
Marina Samovsky - Photographer

**Village Officials/Staff Present:**

Katie Schneider - Community Engagement Coordinator

**I. Call to Order:**

Kim Biederman called the meeting to order in person on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Village Hall, EOC, 1000 Civic Center Drive at 4:35 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Janet Spector Bishop made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting with a correction to Carol Luc's show, it should be "Drawn from Nature". Victoria Luz second the motion, all were in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Minutes approved.

Barbara Karawacki made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting as presented. Julie Jentel second the motion, all were in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Minutes approved.

**IV. Organization Representative Reports**

Members of the Council each gave an update. Kim Biederman has resigned her position at the Niles Chamber for family reasons and will no longer serve on the Arts and Culture Council. Katie thanked her for her time and energy the past year as Chairperson. Mayor Alpogianis will need to appoint people to fill the current vacancies.

**V. Niles Artisan Guild**

No report was given.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. **Fitness Center Art Gallery:** Stephen Serio will be installing his spring photography collection at the end of March, with an artist opening reception. Katie will send the information when it's confirmed. We will continue to seek artists for that space.
- b. **Sandro Miller Art Consultant** - the Village of Niles continues to move forward. Katie reported that this is a new project; and the Village will seek the input and guidance of the Arts and Culture Council. At the direction of the Mayor, the first project will be a structure at Golf Mill Park to honor WW2 Veteran and Niles resident Matthew Wojtaszek.

c. **VII. New Business**

- a. **Grant Application Niles Metropolitan Choir:** The application was not submitted in time of the meeting, hopefully for the April meeting it will be available.

**VIII. Open Discussion**

Peggy Reins was present, she is a member of the Village Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Group. Peggy showed council members some ideas on asphalt painting and how it relates to bike and pedestrian safety. The group discussed and members were very much in favor of learning more. Peggy will do more research and will follow up.

**IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 5:25 p.m. Victoria Luz second the motion, all were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

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