

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers at the Gurnee Village Hall located at
325 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- A** Matt called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- B** In Attendance: Matt Trujillo, Lynn Granstrom, Kirsten Saunders, Roger Eaton, Fiona Tranter, Lei Mangaran, Janelle Rominski, Beth Keslinke, Ron Arden, April Colette
- C** Absent: Randy Blaser, Angela Baldwin, Jay Stuckwisch

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

- A** There was no public comment.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

- A** **December 8, 2025**
 - Beth made a motion to approve the minutes, and Roger seconded the motion.
 - There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

5. Discussion Items

A **Art related program announcements**

- Ron Arden's orchestra event at The Ten Hotel. RSVP by January 19. Event is Thursday, January 22, 5:30 pm. Please attend to support Ron and his musicians.
- Learn to Sew event for youth, teens and adults. More details at www.gurneeparkdistrict.com – register Jan, Feb, March @Hunt Club Park
- THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PIPING PLOVERS: SHARING OUR SHORE Reception: Friday, Feb. 27 at 5-7 p.m. Feb. 27 – March 31 Through the Eyes of the Piping Plovers: Sharing Our Shore is an evocative and educational journey presented by the Lake County Audubon Society's Carolyn Lueck.

6. New Business

A **Logo Review**

- Ron, Kristen and Lynn presented logos.
- Overall: Kristin's logos - board members do not like the initials: GAC for Gurnee Arts Commission. Members like using the Gurnee Light from the Village of Gurnee logo. Ideas discussed included adding art identifiers (musical notes, dancers, paint brush, etc., inside the light itself and around the light. Add a glowing swirl of light. Most board members want to see the same font from the Village of Gurnee logo and the same color system. Lynn will be presenting logos via pdf before the next meeting.

B Core Values review

- The group discussed core values made by Roger. Everyone gave input on which one they liked more and what to plan for the next round of review.

C Signature Event

- The group discussed the event in October on a Friday or Saturday. Standalone event at The Ten Hotel, American Legion, Brittane's Event Center - Need stage.
- The Ten Hotel has a stage. Other venues would need a rented stage. American Legion is not aesthetically as nice as the other two venues.
- 10/10 at The Ten - name option
- Would be nice to add in West Gurnee for an Art in the Park - Call for Entries

D Additional 2026 Initiatives/programs

- The group ran out of time, and only the signature event was discussed.

7. Next Arts Commission Meetings

A February 9, March 9, April 13

8. Public Comment

A There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

A Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kirsten seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

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