

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE**  
**GURNEE ARTS COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, November 10, 2025

**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 6:06pm.**
- B In Attendance:** Matt Trujillo, Beth Keslinke, Lynn Granstrom, Kirsten Saunders, April Colette, Angela Baldwin, Roger Eaton, Randy Blaser, Ron Arden, Jay Stuckwisch, Fiona Tranter
- C Absent:** Lei Mangaran, Janelle Rominski

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment**

- A** There was no public comment.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

**A October 13, 2025**

- Roger made a motion to approve the minutes, and Angela seconded the motion.
- There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The minutes were approved.

**5. Discussion Items**

**A Update on Fine Arts Career Expo at WTHS**

- Beth shared photos from the career expo that they hosted at the Almond campus on October 24.

**B Art related program announcements**

- Angela Baldwin spoke on her Shop Small event at Gurnee Mills.
- Fiona spoke on a Mesiah Concert hosted in Waukegan on December 7.
- It was mentioned that Lure of Local is still going on in Mundelein.

**6. New Business**

**A Sub-Committee Updates / Top 5 initiatives for 2026**

- **Public Art** (Beth, Kirsten, Lei)
- **Public Relations** (Lynn, Janelle, Randy)
- **Performing Arts** (April, Angela, Ron)
- **Programs & Events** (Roger, Jay, Fiona)
- The Sub-committees presented their strategic initiatives and proposed projects for 2026, highlighting a range of possibilities such as developing new logos, refreshing branding, organizing community events, and commissioning public sculptures. The group engaged in a comprehensive discussion about launching a signature event in 2026 that would bring together all sub-committees, fostering collaboration and community engagement. Currently, the Village is hosting the Gurnee

Get-Together, a neighborhood-based series of gatherings. There was consensus around the idea of merging the new signature event with the existing Gurnee Get-Together, thereby expanding the program to include diverse arts experiences and increasing its impact across the community.

**B Discussion about Game plan for 2026**

- The group decided to discuss this signature event more at the next meeting and decide on locations and other details.

**7. Next Arts Commission Meetings**

**A December 8**

**B 2026 Meetings**

**8. Public Comment**

**A** There was no public comment.

**9. Adjournment**

**A** Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Roger seconded. There were all "Ayes," no "Nays," and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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