

**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 Messiah 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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