

**Meeting of the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission
January 20, 2025**

Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm. Those in attendance were Chairman M. Pilafas, Commissioners Hojnacki, Hood, Schmidt, Stegall, Trustee Pilafas, Liaison Kramer. Those absent were Commissioners Ahmed, Anand, Kalopisis, Morrison, and Pye. Guests were Eddie Camacho, Ben Gibbs, Alicia Guerrero, and Curtis Marquardt.

II. Approval of Minutes - November 21, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected of November 18 by Trustee Pilafas, Seconded by Commissioner Schmidt. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Camacho expressed interest in starting through the commission's help, a symphonic orchestra. He cited community need for such an ensemble. Future exploration will be done by the chairman, Trustee Pilafas, and Commissioner Stegall with Mr. Camacho at a later date.

Welcome back to Curtis Marquardt who will be reinstated on the commission.

IV. Old Business

A. Summer Events

Concert - The ensembles have been selected with the exception or contacted for contracts for the year.

Lighting/Tech - Ben Gibbs spoke about lighting solutions as well as two grants submitted for consideration. A truss system with static lighting that would cover the stage area was suggested by his contact who reviewed our current status. An RFP will be sent to HiFi via the Village for a quote for only sound.

Kids Events - Dates were established with the HEPD who has had a recent restructuring. Chairman gave dates for consideration as well as suggested genre of entertainment. The Park District will pursue these acts and lock them in by early March.

B. Zine Fest - Commissioner Hood will work on the marketing imaging while Liaison Kramer creates a form for registration. The event will be held October 18 at the Village Hall in the Alexa and Hennessey Rooms. Commissioner Hood will display his collection of Zines in the gallery to foreshadow the event.

C. Photography Workshop - Commissioner Hojnacki will have a three-hour specialty session on October 4 from 10-1 pm focusing on table top photography.

V. New Business

A. Remembering Martin Luther King

Thank you for Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King for his contribution to our world and culture.

B. 2025 Calendar in Review - a master calendar was distributed for the year awaiting the HEPD dates for the children's event.

C. Gallery Schedule

Upcoming Exhibit: District 54 Art on January 22

The school may need help in hanging. Chairman will call to confirm.

D. Hojnacki Exhibit - Commissioner will display at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum with a reception this Saturday from 2-4 pm.

VI. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm by Commissioner Hojnacki seconded by Commissioner Stegall. Motion Carried.