



Bolingbrook Arts Council Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 **Scheduled:** 7:00pm **Location:** Village Boardroom

Call To Order: 7:08pm

Bolingbrook Arts Council Mission

The commission shall assist the Mayor and Board of Trustees in developing and implementing projects that will enhance the artistic and cultural aesthetics of the Village. The Commission shall develop and recommend to the Mayor and Board of Trustees projects and programs which will have as their purpose the cultural enhancement of the Village with respect to fine and performing arts.

- Roll Call & Declaration of a Quorum** (To conduct official business, members required:8).
- Quorum Declared** *in attendance without pay at commissioner request

Members	Present	Excused	Absent
Mithra Zaucha -Chair	X		
Allaina Humphreys -ViceChair		X	
Jason Arthur	X		
Mioara Barcutean	X		
Jesse Gaffney	X		
Julie Guida	X		
Richard Humphreys	X		
Janice Kessl	*	X	
Ocie Koonce -Treasurer		X	
Kathleen Lamb-Secretary	X		
Linda Lawrence	X		
Lea Moore-Beulah	X		
Bobbie Speer	X		
Grace Tucker	X		

AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL

- Motion to Approve Virtual Attendance for Meeting - Requested by NA**
 - Motion made by: _____ Motion seconded by: _____
- Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 3/17/26 Agenda: Adopted**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie _____ Motion seconded by: Grace _____
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 3/3/26 Minutes: Approved**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie _____ Motion seconded by: Grace _____

OFFICERS REPORT: (Mithra)

- **Fiscal Year Reminder:** Fiscal year ends **April 30**. All outstanding receipts must be submitted to Ocie by Commissioners before April 30.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Lea & Rich & Mithra

- ❖ **Art in the Windows:** “Commissioner’s Choice” is in the window currently. Banners for the doors for the exhibit were created and printed.
- ❖ **Earth Day Event @ Hidden Oaks** (Sat, April 25, 2-6pm)-Call for artists sent out. **“For the Love of Earth”**



- Artists may submit 1–4 pieces. Exhibits may utilize 10x10 tent + remodeled outdoor amphitheater space. Site visit to assess layout is needed. The team will finalize curation after submissions close.

- ❖ **Arts On the Row:** Dates are 6/11 (Boy Band Night) 7/9 (Styx tribute) 8/ 13 (Jolly Ringwalds 80's). Two artists per event. The team will confirm the artist selection timeline and publicize the schedule once finalized.

ADAPTIVE & ACCESSIBLE ARTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Allaina & Grace

PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE (Theatre Arts/ Music): Co-chairs: Jesse & Kathleen

- ❖ **Blues Lab Jam:** Wednesday the 18th. Mithra cannot attend so Jesse and Kathleen will handle the admin for the evening.
- ❖ **BHS/community theatre partnership:** BHS Musical – March 13–15 & 20–21. ASL interpreters did a great job.
- ❖ **Performing Arts Interns:** Jesse will start to reach out for the next season.

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Linda & Julie

- ❖ **Arbor Day Event-** (Sat, April 25 (11-2pm) @ Village Hall. Setup: 30 minutes prior
 - **Planned Activities:** Leaf stamping art activity (cardstock recommended), Arbor Day crossword puzzle, Word search and Tree education activity sheets. Jason to make designs from Mioara's drawing.
 - Jesse reviewed all the photos for posters that will hang in the tunnel. Jason or Allaina will create.
- ❖ **Hidden Oaks Earth Day** (Sat, April 25, 2-6pm)- See details under Visual Arts.
- ❖ **Shred fest:** Communication received from Josh (Controlled Chaos). **Event Date:** July 18. Invitation for Arts Commission participation with stronger community presence.

DIGITAL DESIGN COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Allaina & Jason

- ❖ Discussed scheduling a short digital design strategy meeting.
- ❖ **Artist video:** Featured Artist: Lenny Schmidt (BHS grad) and SAG actor, cruise ship comic. The 20 minute interview will be release before March 20.
- ❖ **WEBSITE Updates: OPEN**
 - Discussed updates needed on the website or the AIW details. Need to have a place for Linktree on the website. Kathleen sent the Linktree information to Allaina

New Business: N/A

Announcements: Tellin Tales Theater Performance: 3/20 & 3/21: NEIU Stage Center @ 7pm. Encouraged attendance to support program participants.

ADJOURNMENT: (8:24pm Voice Vote)

- Motion to Adjourn **Motion Granted**

NEXT ART COUNCIL MEETINGS 4/7/2026

Minutes taken by Kathleen Lamb, Bolingbrook Arts Council

Approved by Council on:



**2025-2026 Bolingbrook Arts Council
Sub-committees & Chairs**

Sub-committees	Chairs	Budget	Projects	Commissioners
Visual Arts	Co-chairs: Lea & Rich	\$11,550	Art In the Windows, Arts In the Tunnel, Arts Expo, Paint-a-hydrant, Grants for public art	Mithra, Lea, Rich, Mioara, Janice, Kathleen, Grace, Allaina, Jason
Adaptive Arts	Co-chairs: Allaina, Mithra & Grace	\$8,000	Adaptive Equipment Program, Glow Art/CSR Arts programs	Allaina, Mioara, Mithra, Grace, Kathleen
Performing Arts	Co-chairs: Jesse & Kathleen	\$6,700	Blues Jam Lab, Internships, Showcases, Music programs, Theatre Arts Grants	Mithra, Grace, Jesse, Kathleen, Linda, Julie
Community Events	Co-chairs: Linda & Julie	\$3,500	Village Picnic, Halloween Walk, Festival of Lights, Parade, Black History Month	Linda, Ocie, Rich, Julie, Mioara, Bobbie, Jesse, Jason
Digital Design & Operations	Co-chairs: Allaina & Jason	\$750	Website, Social Media, Pictures/Video, Forms, Artist Directory/ Press Release	Allaina, Rich, Grace, Lea, Jason, Kathleen

PARKING LOT

Proposal: Arts Commission support for better materials for the school students for next year's January exhibit with higher quality mat board and adhesive for future exhibits and potential expansion into broader community art shows.

- ❖ Expand beyond just BHS to include other Bolingbrook-area schools. Offer art finishing workshops (matting, framing basics). Teach artists how to professionally present work affordably & DIY framing tips (reuse frames, thrift stores, foam core mounting)