



Bolingbrook Arts Council Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 **Scheduled:** 7:00pm **Location:** Village Boardroom
Call To Order: 7:04pm

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**

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: 1/20/26 Agenda Adopted**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie Motion seconded by: Rich
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 11/18/25 Minutes Approved**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie Motion seconded by: Ocie
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 12/16/25 Minutes Approved**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie Motion seconded by: Ocie
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 1/6/26 Minutes Approved**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie Motion seconded by: Rich

Will mark any follow up assigned to commissioners. Please review and follow up at the next meeting.



OFFICER'S REPORT

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- Mithra~Thank you to those who helped take down the holiday tunnel (Jesse, Mioara, Julie, Mithra).
- Kathleen~ Sending around a form to add in your event hours for November & December 2025, January 2026.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

❖ **Art in the Windows:**

- BHS art is ready for the window. Will load after Black history month. Getting a plan to take the mural off of the windows.
- Arts On the Row: Kristine from the Promenade requested interest in hosting an art program during the Summer concerts which will be hosted once a month. The committee agreed to host up to 3 sessions if available. Council members committed to be available to set up, take down and/or facilitate. 📌

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

- ❖ Tellin Tales Theater Performance: 3/6: Mrs. Murphy's @ 7:00 pm & 3/20 & 3/21: NEIU Stage Center @ 7:00 pm

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

- ❖ **Blues Lab Jam:** Blues Jam is Wednesday the 21st.
- ❖ **BHS/community theatre partnership:**

- Fountaindale Library has details for the BHS Theatre collaboration project. The flyer created by Kathleen & Jesse will be emailed to the Library 1/21. Tickets will be sent to Jesse who will have them printed the same as last year for the library to distribute. 📌
- Brightside ASL for the BHS show is being arranged by Jesse.

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Linda & Julie

❖ **Black history month: 2/7 (2pm-5pm)**

- **Motion made for Artist Payment (Carlton Tingle \$300) (Voice Vote) Motion Granted.**
 - Motion 1st by: Kathleen Motion 2nd by: Ocie.
 - Rich will send the request for payment with address details to Ocie. ASAP 📌
- Candy was ordered by Jesse. Calendars were ordered by Ocie and she is following up to ensure delivery by 1/26.
- Rich to find out if Carlton has an Artist sheet. If not, forward info to Kathleen to create. 📌
- Ocie is in conversation to get the space at the venue and confirm if an ad is needed. 📌
- Allaina will work on the ad focusing on poetry artists: Langston Hughes, Maya Angelo, Amanda Gorman, Gwendolyn Brooks, Audre Lorde. 📌

Discussion of future events:

❖ **Arbor Day** (Special Events Committee, Sat, April 25 (11-2pm)

- Mithra forwarded the invitation from the Special Events Commission for the Arbor Day 2026 event on April 25th behind Village Hall to Linda, Julie and Mioara. The council agreed to participate and Mioara reviewed different art projects for the event. Mithra will reply to the Special Events Commission with booth needs (tables & chairs). 📌



- ❖ **Earth Day Event** (Hidden Oaks, Sat, April 25, 2-6pm)
 - Angie from Hidden Oaks Nature Center invited the arts council to participate in the Earth Day Festival on April 25, scheduled from 2-6 PM. Mithra acknowledged the invitation/ request for an activity, or to sell art. The council requested that this be handled by the visual arts committee who can find an artist.
 - Rich had ideas for an artist(s) and said he will make himself available to reach out. Mithra can work with Rich to pass along details. 📌

DIGITAL DESIGN COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Allaina & Jason

- ❖ Need to create a page on the website for AIW details. Lea to contact Allaina. 📌
- ❖ Need to have a banner for the window at the Promenade that is general for the Arts council. Lea to contact Allaina. 📌
- ❖ Lea would like to have the banners for each session of AIW printed for the year. Discussed the issue with adding dates. Will follow up at the next meeting.

New Business: NA

Announcements:

ADJOURNMENT: (8:01pm Voice Vote)

- Motion to Adjourn **Motion Granted**

NEXT ART COUNCIL MEETINGS 2/3/2026

Minutes taken by Kathleen Lamb, Bolingbrook Arts Council

Approved by Council on: 2/3/26

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