



Bolingbrook Arts Council Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 03, 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** *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: 2/3/26 Agenda: Adopted**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie _____ Motion seconded by: Grace _____
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 1/20/26 Minutes: Approved**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie _____ Motion seconded by: Julie _____

 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:**

- Jason's dad, Donald Brown, passed away in late January. We read the obituary detailing his amazing life. We send our thoughts and prayers to his family during this grievous time.
- Meeting guest: **Larry Devereux** joined the meeting tonight and is interested in being part of the council. Larry described his contributions in the bolingbrook community through the Lion's club. He is an artist in multiple mediums and we welcome him to our community.
- **Ocie:** We weren't able to get the calendars on-time so Ocie made an executive decision to pivot and obtain booklets for Black History Month. She also secured the space for the event. Thank you Ocie!
- **Kathleen:** Just a quick reminder that it is challenging to record information when we have multiple conversations. Thank you all for keeping this top of mind during the meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- ❖ **Art in the Windows:** BHS art is ready for the window. It will be loaded after Black history month. Getting a plan to take the mural off of the windows (Rich). 📌
- ❖ **Arts On the Row:** Kristine from the Promenade requested the council host an art installation during the Summer concerts. The dates are June 11th (Boy Band Night) July 9 (Styx tribute) August 13 (Jolly Ringwalds 80's). The concert starts at 7pm and runs through 9pm. Council members committed to be available to set up, take down and/or facilitate the event. Need an event leader for these events who can create a sign-up to ensure we have coverage. 📌
- ❖ **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. 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. 📌

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:** Next Blues Jam is Wednesday the 18th. Let's see how many commissioners can attend and bring a friend!
- ❖ **BHS/community theatre partnership:**
 - Fountaindale Library has details for the BHS Theatre collaboration project on a flyer created by Kathleen & Jesse. Individual tickets will be printed by Jesse who will drop them at the library for library members to sign out. Social media created for Instagram will be sent to Mithra after the library flyer is sent out to the community. (Kathleen) 📌
 - 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)**
 - **Black History event:** The artist is Carlton Tingle and his information for payment was sent to Ocie on Saturday. She submitted the request to the village yesterday (2/3/26). We are not sure if the check will be ready in time so it will be mailed if needed.



- **Rich** to find out if Carlton has an artist sheet for the event. If not, forward information to Kathleen by 2-4 to create. 📌
 - Set up is Friday evening. We need the panels from the promenade for the high school. The team setting up is (**Rich, Julie, Mithra, Grace, Lea**) from 12-5pm. The team volunteering at the event is **Ocie, Linda, Mioara, and Grace** will be floating. **Grace and Mithra** will be the closers and will take down the panels at the end. 📌
- ❖ **Arbor Day** (Sat, April 25 (11-2pm))
- The Special Events Commission is sponsoring the Arbor Day 2026 event on April 25th behind Village Hall.
 - **Mithra** will reply to the Special Events Commission with needs (tables & chairs) and request that we set up in the tunnel. 📌
 - **Jesse** will look into posters for the walls in the tunnel. The village will print posters and we will help frame them at the meeting prior to the event. 📌

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:

- Menard's wall ideas were reviewed by Mioara.
- Mithra is in contact with Kayla Mohammad at the Conservation Foundation and will further discuss in future meetings. (<https://theconservationfoundation.org>)

Announcements:

- Video Series created by Grace of the 'working artist' showcases a stand up comedian. The video will be edited and posted to the youtube channel. The artist will be a stand up at Ashbury's on March 21th.

ADJOURNMENT: (8:17pm Voice Vote)

- Motion to Adjourn **Motion Granted**

NEXT ART COUNCIL MEETINGS 2/17/2026

Minutes taken by Kathleen Lamb, Bolingbrook Arts Council

Approved by Council on: 2/17/2006



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