



**Bolingbrook Arts Council Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 **Scheduled:** 7:00pm **Location:** Village Boardroom

**Call To Order:** 7:13pm

**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: 4/21/26 Agenda: Adopted**
  - Motion made by: **Bobbie** Motion seconded by: **Jason**
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 4/7/26 Minutes: Approved**
  - Motion made by: **Bobbie** Motion seconded by: **Jason**

**OFFICERS REPORT: (Mithra)**

- **Village Picnic** Discussion on offering high school bands an opportunity to perform at the Village Picnic. Mithra will continue to investigate.
- **Arbor Day** -The Special Events Commission (Maria) is looking for volunteers to help with the plant potting activity. Please see Mithra if interested.
- **Project proposals** - Mithra will begin a list of project ideas for the council to review.



- **ShredFest** -Josh from Controlled Chaos will continue to host this event in Bolingbrook. He is requesting that the Council support this event again. The event date is Saturday, July 18th.
- **Fiscal Year Reminder:** Fiscal year ends **April 30**. Submit all receipts to Ocie by before April 30.

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

##### ❖ **Art in the Windows:**

- “Commissioner’s Choice” is in the windows currently. Commissioners were asked to start picking up their artwork in preparation for the next exhibit “Bloom” which begins May 1st.
- Banners for the exhibit (BLOOM) were printed and available tonight.
- Selections were made for the “Bloom” exhibit. Artists will be notified of the decision.

##### ❖ **Earth Day Event @ Hidden Oaks:** (Sat, April 25, 2-6pm) “**For the Love of Earth**”

- Artists have been notified of their selection.
- A tent for the exhibit will be provided by the Nature Center. It will be set up on the patio.
- Jason and Mithra will pick up 6 art panels and accessories from the AIW, take them to the Nature Center and set them up.
- Artists have been notified to arrive at 1pm for art installation.
- At the end of the event, Lea will take down the art panels and return them to the AIW.

##### ❖ **Public Art:** Update on Noble Wins bench with Bolingbrook Park District: **Mithra**

- First swinging bench is being delivered May 8th that will eventually be installed in the Knights of Columbus Park. The piece consists of a bench and an archway. The archway is what will be painted.
- An Action item for the committee is to issue a Call for Artist for a proposal. The Call will include specifications and theme. The artist will provide the concept and materials that will be used. The artist selected will be compensated for time and materials.
- There was discussion on possibly videoing the actual painting of the bench to help publicize the project.

##### ❖ **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 to confirm artist selection timeline and publicize the schedule once finalized. **(On-Going)**

##### ❖ **Bolingbrook Arts Expo:** Village Picnic (June 28 12-5pm). Will be held again this year.

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

##### ❖ **No Report**

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

##### ❖ **Blues Lab Jam:**

- The latest installment was held last Wednesday the 15th. Great event.
- There is ongoing discussion on how to continue to increase opportunities for student learning
- One student performer from Blues Lab has been asked to play at the Chicago Blues Fest on June 7th. This is a great win for the program.

##### ❖ **Performing Arts Interns:**

- Jesse has reached out to Dave for the next season.
- Jesse will choose the dates and send the calendar out.
- Jesse will put together the job description info and send it out to our networks for inclusion in social media posts. A press release will also be written.



**COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Linda & Julie**

- ❖ **Arbor Day Event:** (Sat, April 25 (11-2pm) @ Village Hall. Setup: 30 minutes prior
  - Jason emailed the Arbor Day posters for review. They were accepted. Mithra will check with Allaina about printing.
  - Jason and Mithra will work on framing the posters for the event.

**Village Picnic-** (June 28 12-5pm). Activities will be discussed at the next meeting.

**DIGITAL DESIGN COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Allaina & Jason**

- ❖ **WEBSITE Updates:** *(On-Going)*
  - Changes to the website are needed: 1. AIW details 2. Linktree 3. Front page to inform the public!

**New Business:** N/A

**Announcements:** N/A

**ADJOURNMENT: (7:55 Voice Vote)**

Motion to Adjourn Motion made by: **Ocie** Motion seconded by: **Julie** **Motion Granted**

**NEXT ART COUNCIL MEETING 5/5/2026**

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

**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)