



Bolingbrook Arts Council Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Call To Order: 7:14pm

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: 4/7/26 Agenda: Adopted**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie _____ Motion seconded by: Grace _____
- Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote) Motion Granted: 3/17/26 Minutes: Approved**
 - Motion made by: Bobbie _____ Motion seconded by: Grace _____

OFFICERS REPORT: (Mithra)

- **Tour of the youth house of New Life Lutheran Church:** Jesse and Mithra did a tour to evaluate the potential for art involved activities at the space owned by the church. This would be a partnership with the church.
- **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 next exhibit (BLOOM) were created, approved and will be submitted for printing.
- ❖ **Earth Day Event @ Hidden Oaks** (Sat, April 25, 2-6pm)-Call for artists sent out. **“For the Love of Earth”**
 - Lea went to the site to view the details and location. They will have a tent for use but we may bring our own tent that has sides. We will have 4 artists and we need to provide the panels. The team is finalizing submissions.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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:** Wednesday the 15th. Please bring a friend. Discussion about what we can do for the next season. Think of any potential ideas and/ or changes to increase the engagement.
- ❖ **Performing Arts Interns:** Jesse has started to reach out to Dave 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 (stamps & cardstock purchased by Jason), Arbor Day activity sheets will be printed at the next meeting.
 - Jason or Allaina will create the posters. Jessie purchased bags and made awesome stamps!
- ❖ **Hidden Oaks Earth Day** (Sat, April 25, 2-6pm)- See details under Visual Arts. We will need volunteers.
- ❖ **Village Picnic-** (June 28 12-5pm). Please bring table ideas to the next meeting.
- ❖ **Shred fest:** Josh (Controlled Chaos) is moving the business to Aurora. **Event Date:** July 18. Invitation for Arts Commission participation is on hold confirming location and details.

DIGITAL DESIGN COMMITTEE: Co-chairs: Allaina & Jason

❖ **WEBSITE Updates:OPEN**

- Changes to the website are needed so that we can utilize it to inform the public.
- AIW details as well as any events need a place on the opening page.
- Need to have a place for Linktree on the website. Kathleen sent the Linktree information to Allaina.

New Business: N/A

Announcements: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: (8:17pm Voice Vote)

- Motion to Adjourn **Motion Granted**

NEXT ART COUNCIL MEETINGS 4/21/2026

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, Jesse
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)