

**Vienna Public Art Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Vienna Community Center**



Roll Call: Mike Cheselka, Midge Biles, Bill Comerford, Amy Carlini, Maureen Barrett, Lu Cousins, Michelle Kang, Chloe Dehn- junior student representative, VPAF President: Deborah Kennedy, Guest speaker: Nicole Falceto, VPAC Clerk: Kathy Blevins

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

February 20, 2024 minutes passed as written

Guest speaker: Nicole Falceto, Deputy Director-Vienna Parks and Recreation presented a mural project inside the Vienna Community Center on the wall of the Field House. No BAR approval needed. Project would be approved by Parks and Recreation. Funded by a grant or VPAC funds. No strict timeline or criteria (except no strictly sports themed). VPAC subcommittee with guidance from Nicole. Project medium could include large scale photography, digital art or a painted mural.

Bill Comerford announced his resignation from the VPAC effective March 16, 2024.

Chairman's Report

-Mr. Cheselka reported that the Harmony Garden project will move forward at Centennial Park in a different location to avoid hitting the underground culverts. Installation will take place after Miss Utility has come to mark the area. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled after installation.

-Discussion on VPAC participation in VIVA Vienna. It was decided VPAC will not have a table at the event. VPAF may participate in the event.

-Citibank reached out to Mr. Cheselka with an interest in collaborating with the VPAC to have a mural on the side of their building on Park St.(Noodles&Co. building). Citibank will pay for the mural.

Foundationl Report

Deborah Kennedy reported on two VPAF fundraising projects that require VPAC assistance.

- 1.) A Town that Talks- A project to promote Vienna businesses and buildings using their history and the personal stories of Vienna residents. VPAC would create a logo for the art symbol)
- 2.) Be Part of Public Art-A low-cost public art sponsor option for business and building owners. Annual sponsorship will maintain current works near the business and provide seed funds for future projects. VPAC would provide how the piece came to be and artist information.

Financial report: Ms. Cousins made a motion to accept funds from the collapsed Movers and Shakers group to be put into the VPAF account. Ms. Barrent seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Business

Call for Artist

Ms. Cousins met with Karen Thayer to discuss adding Call for Artist for the Cherry St. wall project in the Vienna Voice and on the VPAC webpage. The Call for Artist will go into the May Voice. Ms. Blevins will add the Call for Artist onto the VPAC webpage.

Ms. Cousins reported that the Town ornament of Vienna Elementary is not selling well. Ms. Kennedy will contact the Town Clerk to see if the VPAF is able to sell them.

Shirts for members

Ms. Dehn reported that Madison Art Department can print the shirts for a fee. Design ideas were discussed. Ms. Dehn will bring a printed t-shirt to show the group at the April meeting.

LOVE sign

The LOVE will be refurbished in late April.

Canvas Art Project

Mr. Comerford reported that the panels can be 3-sided-triangular or 2-sided. Possible Liberty Amendments theme. Mr. Cheselka encouraged members to bring their ideas for artwork to the next meeting. Ms. Dehn shared ideas related to community helping others. She will bring sketches of her ideas to the April meeting. Mr. Chesleka will request to get on the June BAR agenda.

New Business

Comprehensive Plan feedback

Mr. Chesleka has submitted the VPAC's requests to the Planning & Zoning Department.

Fundraising Event

Ms. Cousins volunteered the Vienna Art Society to assist with a Bunco fundraising event Vienna for the VPAC to be held at the Vienna Art Society. Ms. Carlini motioned to support the Bunco fundraising event. Ms. Biles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Barrett and Ms. Biles will work together on the event details.

Adjournment

Ms. Biles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Blevins, VPAC Clerk

The mission of the Vienna Public Art Commission is to advise and assist Town Council on matters relating to the advancement of public art in the Town, including the development and funding of a public art program. Public art is defined as art in any media that has been planned and executed with the intention of being staged on Town property, the public right of way, or within commercial developments subject to architectural review.