Meeting of the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those present were Chairman Pilafas, Commissioners Ahmed, Hojnacki, Morrison, Pye, Stegall, Liaison Kramer. Those absent were Commissioners Anand, Ash, Kalopisis, and Trustee Pilafas and park district presence.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023 by Commissioner Morrison seconded by Commissioner Pye Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Summer Concerts- Report

Lots of feedback from the patrons for the extended schedule. All concerts were strong and had a nice musical balance and variety. Felt the sound was good all year. Musicians were ready.

What Excelled:

Group arrival at 6 pm. Not having the intermission (no lines for bathrooms). All groups were good and interactive. Public works was very helpful. Driving the cart, patrons were extremely appreciative that we have that service. People enjoyed the dance program and it added dancing to the program. First response on site and Explorers were appreciated. Great weather.

To Improve

Sometimes had signage others not.
Volume varied. Consider location of speakers
Levy loss of income due to negation of intermission
Lighting-need more if going later in the evening.
Younger voices need to select acts (absence of families)

One of our best seasons

IV. Fun Day in the Park

No report

V. Website

Whole month of August 3,000 visitor's Current week has 84 visitors. No one has visited the photo page.

VI. Gallery

NWSRA. September 1 strike. Commissioners will arrive at 6 pm on August 31 to set up the Germanfest exhibit.

VII. Dr. JC

The presentation will be Healing Powers of Renaissance Music. Commissioner Stegall is pursuing a date in November for a 7 pm start with a reception to follow the 45-minute presentation and 15 minute Q and A.

VIII. Photography Workshop

The event date is November 18 from 9-11 am. It will include photo editing and a segment where one can bring a single image on a memory card that the presenter will edit.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

The commission extends its deepest sympathy on the passing of Commissioner Joan Jarzemsky.

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm by Commissioner Hojnacki seconded by Commissioner Pye. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission will be held IN PERSON ONLY on Tuesday September 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Alexa Training Room at the Village of Hoffman Estates.