



**Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chamber  
July 7, 2022 – 7 pm**

**Commission Members Present:** Amy Cook, Kent Gallagher, Jan Schmuckal, Dana Teichart, Tim Vetang

**Commission Members Absent:** Kevin Heckman

**Nominated Members Present:** Jennifer Paoello, Mike Ploszek, Kathy Sabaini

**Also in Attendance:** Cate Tracy, City of Geneva

**Citizens in Attendance:** Jeanne McGowan

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Vetang called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Welcome Future Commissioners** – Jennifer Paoello, Mike Ploszek, Kathy Sabaini
3. **Amendments to Agenda:** Agenda stood as presented.
4. **Approve Minutes** –Schmuckal motioned, and Gallagher seconded for approval of the June minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
5. **Review Financial Reports -**
  - ✚ The current Fund Equity Balance is \$25,954.60, there was no income for the month of June. Financial Reports were stood as presented.
6. **Rosemaling Mural Idea – Jeanne McGowan**
  - ✚ McGowan proposed installing a mural with Swedish Rosemaling designs on a downtown building. Adults and children could have their photo taken in front of a butterfly or other design on a dedicated wall. This project would enhance the cultural heritage, fun, and foot traffic in downtown Geneva and would be handicap accessible.
  - ✚ Schmuckal suggested the artwork be displayed on an empty store front window on State Street.
  - ✚ Considerable discussion ensued around alternate execution of the proposed idea including a portable wall set up during city events; a removable window film capturing the mural; or painting the mural on a board that could be affixed to the side of a building instead of a permanent mural.
  - ✚ The project cannot move forward without a Commissioner assigned and accountable. Vetang asked for all to consider their possible interest in spearheading this initiative should it move forward.
  - ✚ McGowan offered to find an artist who could potentially design and paint this specific kind of art should the Commission decide to pursue the project.
7. **REPORTS**
  - a. **Bus Stop Art – Schmuckal**
    - ✚ No report.

**b. Arts Center Update**

✚ No report.

**c. Art on Fire – Tracy**

✚ There are eight applications for fire hydrant designs. The hydrants at Kirk Road/IL Route 38 and the Geneva Public Library playground are completed. The City received one application for the ICEC contest, the International Cultural Exchange Committee program with our Sister City.

**d. RiverPark Summer Music Series – Teichart**

✚ The first concert of July was very successful with the Illinois Brass Band. Approximately 350 people attended on July 3. Upcoming concerts include The Dixon Bandits, Good Clean Fun Band, and Chez Butter.

**e. Geneva Fine Art Fair Booth – Vetang**

✚ July 23-24, GCAC Booth will be by Kilwin's on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Vetang will send an email for volunteers to sign up.

✚ Kathy suggested printing hand-held fans with the GCAC season of events on it to hand out at the concerts for people to keep our schedule available.

**f. Shakespeare in the Park – Gail Gaboda**

✚ July 30 at Island Park, The Tempest will be performed by Goodly Creatures acting troupe.

✚ Gaboda and David Rice are the facilitators. Graham's and Stockholm's will be available for food and beverages.

**g. Chalk Art Idea-Heckman**

✚ This project is on hiatus because Heckman needs a 'thumbs up' from Shodeen about having chalk art at Dodson Place.

**h. Steeple Walk – Gallagher**

✚ No report (other than we might be able to increase numbers of people from last year).

**i. Commissioner Comments & Ideas –**

✚ There were none.

**8. Public Comments –** There were none.

**9. Adjourn -** Motion to adjourn was made by Teichart and seconded by Gallagher.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dana Teichart*  
Secretary

Next Meetings  
August 4, 2022  
September 1, 2022  
October 6, 2022  
November 3, 2022  
December 1, 2022