

Meeting Notes
Skokie Fine Arts Commission - October 13, 2021 Meeting

- I. Call to Order – 7 p.m. by p.m. by Chairperson Pam Garbarini; those present included Trustee Ralph Klein, Vice Chairperson Jeff Rhodes, Commissioners Debra Hatchett, Doris Liberman, Pamela Sloan, Mitch Thomas, Vassilen Vasevski and Sharon Vicker as well as staff liaisons Ann Tennes and Enkhnasan Taylor.
- II. Garbarini welcomed new Commissioner Pamela Sloan, and all of those present introduced themselves. Tennes asked everyone present to review the Commission roster list and advise her of any corrections.
- III. Listening Session – Debra Hatchett, Anatomically Correct; Hatchett provided an overview of her non-profit organization and described all of the programs she has developed over the years to feature ‘Art in Alternative Spaces’, including artist exhibits in theater lobbies, community workshops, the Skokie Rocks! initiative and more. Tennes offered to connect Hatchett to Village economic development staff to discuss her aspiration to open an art studio in the community.
- IV. Upcoming Projects
 - a. Artistic Excellence Awards – Tennes advised that no community nominations have been received, but publicity will continue until the November 1 nomination deadline. The awards will be discussed by the entire commission at the November 10, 2021 meeting, and several commissioners mentioned possible award recipients. The awards presented at either the December 6 or 20 Village Board meeting.
 - b. SOAR – Garbarini and Tennes reviewed possible display options at the Skokie Public Library during March 2022. The commission agreed that the exhibition should proceed, along with a digital option. Several commissioners volunteered to take photos of the exhibit and asking teachers to send photos also was suggested. Garbarini agreed to draft a letter to teachers for distribution in coming weeks; Vicker and Hatchett offered to contact all schools to confirm and compile an email list for art teachers. All commissioners expressed hope that the exhibit would return to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie for a spring 2023 exhibition and reception.

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- V. Open Discussion – Tennes reminded all about the important of sending an RSVP for meeting attendance due to meeting room capacity limits.
- VI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: November 10, December 8, 2021; location either conference rooms D/E at Village Hall or Skokie Police Headquarters training room.