



Minutes

Arts Commission

Tuesday

September 21, 2021

6:15 PM

Called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM

Present; Angela DeBernardo, Pam Spremulli, Gregory Hill, Nancy Rogoff (CVLT), Steve Eva (CFSO), Karen Prasser (Chagrin Arts), Becky Gruss (VAC), Ruth Zeager (Historical Society), Casey Monda

July meeting notes were approved by the appointed committee members.

Art News (*note: all detailed upcoming events can be found on each organization's websites*):

Chagrin Arts:

<https://www.chagrinarts.org/>

An extraordinary weekend awaits us! October 2nd and 3rd (also Wrongful Incarceration day). Garden of Hope groundbreaking and soft- showing of documentary on the life of Dean Gillispie, the Artist whose work will be in the garden. The Mayor and two other Chagrin "dignitaries" will be present to say a few words and ground break this amazing addition to our village.

- Bricks are still on sale!
- New sign is up!
- Working on new strategic plan and working it into mission statement.
- Working on overall branding to broaden footprint.
- New Assistant hire.

CVLT:

[LITTLE THEATRE. BIG EXPERIENCE. ★ Chagrin Valley Little Theatre](#)

- Murder by the Falls was a great virtual success! May extend the online mystery game for avid murder mystery puzzle goers.
- A small modified Ghosts and Goblins show will take place in October (still in the works).
- New show is *Carousel* - Oct. 15, 16, 17- includes the CF Studio Orchestra! Special opening night pre-party for patrons on Friday in the River Room.
- *Miracle on 34th Street* will be the holiday show!

CF Historical Society:

[Calendar-Upcoming Events](#)

- Cemetery tour - SOLD OUT!!
- New exhibit "Attic" soon to be on display.
- Strategic planning retreat scheduled in March.
- New Administrative hire.
- Working with Village on historical markers (by new bridge and new path connecting CF river/Vincent/ arboretum loop)

CCPL Chagrin Branch: (not present)

<https://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Branches/Chagrin-Falls.aspx>

CDF: (not present)

<https://www.chagrinfilmfest.org/>

Film fest next week!! SO MUCH EXCITEMENT

VAC:

<https://www.valleyartcenter.org/>

- Welcome Becky!!
- New exhibit "Points of View" on display.
- Call to entry for November Juried Exhibit is now open. Closes October 15th.
- Art by the Fall is happening!! June 11th and 12th!! Call to entry will soon be open!
- Rob Crombie did an outdoor demo during the Village-wide garage sale - VAC had a table by Jaycee food trucks. SO MANY PEOPLE came out!
- Fall I/II catalog is out, classes for Fall I have started.
- New Fall Workshops being offered!

Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra:

<https://thecfso.com/>

- Opening (in town) with Carousel at CVLT.
- Will also perform the musical score at the Hermit Club (a gem in downtown CLE) October 8th and 10th. Tickets for this performance can be found on their website.

The Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society: not present

[Event Calendar](#)

Community:

A private fundraiser to redesign and raise money for a new Riverside Park playground kicked off September 25th during the Village-wide garage sale. Event included a community art project. The hope is to auction off the canvases for additional donations.

New playground design will be created by Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA) alum and will incorporate community themed functional art.

Looking for community feedback/memories on what makes that playground so special.

Community Artist Pam Spemulli is a finalist in a public voted mural contest i CLE. Looking to represent CF and the fabulous and strong Art community we have, a voting link will be shared starting October 1st.

She was also selected to paint two murals for the City of Cleveland in the Public Auditorium.

General Discussion:

- Please start the Chagrin Falls Arts Commission "Wish List" to share for next meeting.
- Working on a well-designed email blast that will highlight Arts Commission meeting discussions to the public
- Status of Public Art Policy?
- Status of bringing back the monthly Art Walk?

Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.

Next meeting TUESDAY, November 9th.