

Cultural Arts ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI Novi Civic Center Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 6 P.M. 248.347.0400

1. Welcome:

Bicky Bhillon (ab), Stephanie Hall, Mary Jarvis Robinson, Becky Staab, Laura Williams, Mahesh Wsanik (ab), Morgaine Fambrough (ab) Madison Lachance (Recreation Supervisor)

2. Introductions

Recreation Supervisor Lachance introduced herself to the Board. Board Members took turns explaining their background, how long they had been on the Board and what they would like to see the Board do moving forward.

3. Programs and Events Update (Lachance)

Dance – Spring recital at The Berman Center went well and we are planning to have the winter one there as well. Dance camps will begin mid-June. Hawaiian Classes – have their Hula Recital on Saturday. Will be having a "Polynesian in the Park" family class this summer.

Mexico Lindo – Numbers are increasing. Looking at planning a Day of the Dead event.

Sizzling Summer and Street Sounds – Two music in the park programs this year. Sizzling Summer begins June 14 with the Polynesian Dancers of Michigan. Street Sounds is in partnership with Foutain Walk and will be on Tuesday evenings in June and July.

Theatre – Wrapped up Sussical Jr. in April. Finding Nemo Jr. Auditions will be August 27.

Art programs – Glass Fusion is starting to do classes geared more toward older adults.

Concer Band/Choralaires (Stephanie Hall & Becky Staab) – Both groups had successful and well attended spring concerts. Both looking to actively recruit more members.

4. Atrium Art (Lachance)

Lara Maun's show went up on June 6 and will be up until the end of July. Sukanya Ramakrishna's show will go up in August. Board Members would like to see the art openings become more of an event.

5. Villa Barr Updates (Lachance)

Abbey Marchesseault is scheduled to perform "Heartstring Lullaby" at Villa Barr in the evening on June 9. The dance is celebrating the life of Beth.

6. Cultural Arts Resource Management Plan

Lachance will review where it left off and bring it to the Board at the next meeting.

7. Roundtable

Group discussion about different programs working together (ex. Theatre and Novi Concert Band).

Discussion about marketing events (Atrium Art openings and Concert Band and Choralaires performances and need for more people)

Discussion about gaining new members for the group. Thoughts on sharing it in Engage.

8. ADJOURNMENT

2023 Meeting Dates:

August 2 October 4 December 6