

Cultural Arts Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2026 – 6 P.M.

Novi Civic Center – Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ananthaswamy, Brazwell, Staab, Stroup – present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Added discussion of possible art donation for Villa Barr

Approved unanimously.

PRCS STAFF REPORT:

Diwali Fest Update – Recreation Supervisor Jenneva Kayser said that Diwali Fest planning was on track. There will be two outdoor tents for dining space, restaurants will be outside, the art gallery display will be moved upstairs for viewing, the Activities Room will be used for a photo booth, the Atrium will be craft vendor, indoor stage for entertainment. Fireworks at the end. About \$7,500 received in sponsorship. The committee will seek private donations with the Novi Parks Foundation acting as the fiduciary.

MATTERS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A draft plan was shared with the committee for review. More in-depth discussion included marketing of current programs – how it is currently handled and future opportunities. A program planning/submission form will be created for the committee members to “get their ideas on paper” so they can be reviewed, vetted for feasibility, and prioritized for inclusion in the plan. Committee members will bring suggestions/edits to the draft plan to the next meetings.

Staff members will investigate a city comprehensive art map or app.

An email of potential art pieces for installation at Villa Barr will be shared with the committee for input.

Committee Member Glenn Stroup agreed to serve as a juror for this year's Villa Barr artist in residence applicants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.