AGENDA

Cultural Commission

Monday, September 29, 2025
Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

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A. August 25, 2025

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October 27, 2025

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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

August 25, 2025
09/29/25
Cultural Commission

Presenter:
Lead Department: Cultural Services

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
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CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025
AL LARSON PRAIRIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS / CONFERENCE ROOM A

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Linda Cain Marilyn Karr Michael Kozakis Bobbi Marchuk Kevin Miller Michael Nejman Marilyn Pande Bette Solomon
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jon Cunningham Minal Patel Rob Ward
STAFF PRESENT:	Tiana Weiler, Director of Cultural Services Eddie Sugarman, Assistant Director Alissa Brunet, Production Coordinator
STAFF ABSENT:	None
AUDIENCE:	None

CALL TO ORDER
Ms. Cain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Solomon motioned to approve the minutes from the Cultural Commission meeting of June 23, 2025. Mr. Nejman seconded. A voice vote took place. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Solomon motioned that date of the next Cultural Commission meeting be changed to Monday, September 29. Mr. Nejman seconded. A voice vote took place. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Kozakis stated that he has not yet received a reply from village leadership to his email regarding long-term planning and cultural goals for Schaumburg and the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts. Discussion took place about the role and mission of the Cultural Commission. Ms. Weiler stated that she will share the village ordinance regarding the commission's purpose and duties to help provide context for future discussions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Weiler reported that Septemberfest setup is underway. The event opens this weekend, running Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1. This year's event required extra planning to work around the municipal center construction site. Pony rides are the only element to be eliminated from this year's event. Layout changes include the arts and crafts show, which will be located on Summit Drive and feature 145 crafters and 190 booths (down about 30 booths from last year due to limited space), and craft beer and wine, which will be located behind the Awaking Muse sculpture. All other elements will take place in their standard location. ADA parking will be located at the School District 54 administration building.

Ms. Weiler reported that fabrics and finishes for the new theatre chairs were selected last week. Installation will take place over the holidays. Theatre capacity will decrease, as the new seats will be slightly wider than the old seats. Final capacity details will be available soon, after which a new seating chart and numbering system will be created. Once these details are in place, tickets will be put on sale for the second half of the 2025-26 season.

Ms. Weiler reported that the Prairie Center Arts Foundation presented the first Rob Pileckis Theatre and Film Scholarship at the final performance of Schaumburg Summer Theatre's *The Drowsy Chaperone.* The $1,000 scholarship was awarded to Lukas House.

Ms. Weiler reported that the foundation's fundraiser event featuring Lucy Darling is coming up on September 20 and is completely sold out.

CONTINUING ITEMS:

1. **Young Artist Programs**

   Mr. Sugarman reported that Schaumburg Summer Theatre presented an excellent production of *The Drowsy Chaperone.* While audience feedback was extremely positive, ticket sales were down from last year, with 1,212 tickets sold. Shows with greater name recognition will be considered for next year's production to boost ticket sales.

   Mr. Sugarman reported that this year's summer camp programs were very successful. Three camps were presented: Schaumburg Youth Jazz Orchestra Summer Intensive, Schaumburg Sings Summer Camp, and Nutcracker Warm-Up Dance Camp. The orchestra and dance camps were new programs. The choir and dance camps were both successful in routing new students to school year programs, which was a key objective for the camps. The jazz camp resulted directly in the development of a new program, the Schaumburg Youth Jazz Orchestra (SYJO), which will be directed by Andrew Luzwick and launch this fall. Auditions will be held in September, and rehearsals begin at the end of October.

   Mr. Sugarman reported that the Schaumburg Youth Orchestra and Schaumburg Choral Program are beginning their new seasons. Several of the programs' ensembles are already in rehearsal, and the rest begin soon.

2. **Summer Programs**
   Mr. Sugarman reported that six Summer Breeze concerts took place in July and August. While there were some weather-related challenges this year, the series ended on a successful note, with strong attendance and good weather for the final concert.

3. **2025-26 Programming**
   Mr. Sugarman reported that a booking with Broadway star Jessie Mueller has been confirmed for April 18, 2026, completing the 2025-26 Season of Arts and Entertainment lineup. Mr. Sugarman added that tickets for fall shows have gone on sale and shared a sales report.

DEFERRALS: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: No report.

ADJOURNMENT
Ms. Solomon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Ms. Pande seconded. A voice vote was held. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: September 29, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alissa Brunet
Production Coordinator, Cultural Services