



## Cultural Arts Advisory Board

### AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI

Novi Civic Center

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0400

#### 1. **Welcome – Introductions:**

Bicky Dhillon, Stephanie Hall, Mary Kondraciuk, Sondra Sutton Phung, Becky Staab, Mahesh Wasnik, Laura Williams

Mary Jarvis Robinson (Novi Library Liaison)

Alyssa Golles (Recreation Supervisor)

#### 2. **Program Updates (Golles)**

Dance Classes – Youth dance recital is taking place on May 1. There will be two separate performances to accommodate the group size. Our instructor Chelsea has shared that she will be moving to Japan for a year and a half at the end of December. We will be onboarding a new instructor Michelle to teach while Chelsea is gone. Michelle has taught for Chelsea in the past so it should be a smooth transition. Chelsea will still maintain contact with the program while she is gone, and will plan to return to teaching when she is back.

Polynesian Dance Classes – Have had a strong winter season, and will begin again next week. Summer classes will move outdoors to Fuerst Park for the summer, taking advantage of the stage space there.

Mexico Lindo Classes – Participation numbers are still low, have had a hard time bringing those classes back after COVID. Met with instructors to discuss challenges and solutions, including moving the class to a different week night to see if that bumps numbers up.

Theatre – High School musical Jr. opens Thursday 4/7 at 7pm. We have 76 kids between two casts for this show. Ticket sales are strong and expected to do well through the weekend. The license request has been submitted for our fall show, auditions will take place in September and the show date will be pushed back to January 2023.

Glass Fusion – classes continue to be popular. The instructor is working on new ideas for future projects.

KidCreate Classes – Registration continues to be irregular. We will continue to offer a variety of classes and programs.

Choralaires (Becky Staab) – The Choralaires Spring performance will be taking place on May 7 at Novi High School.

Concert Band (Stephanie Hall) – the Concert Band will be performing with the Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble on April 24 at the Library. Their spring performance will be taking place on May 8 at the Civic Center.

#### 3. **Event Updates (Golles)**

Sizzling Summer Art Series – All performers are booked and the flyer is out in Engage. June 15 – Wildlife Safari, June 22 – Polynesian Dancers of MI, June 29 – Miss Paula and the Candy Bandits, July 13 – Melissa Behring, July 20 – A2 Magic, July 27 – The Funny Dumplings, August 3 – Kevin Devine, August 10 – Reg and

Marcia Pettibone. June and August Performances will take place at Fuerst Park  
July performances will take place at Lakeshore.

Tuesday Tunes – All performers have been booked. June 21 – Geff Phillips and  
Friends, July 19 – Local Heroes Band, August 9 – Detroit Retro Society.

**4. Villa Barr Updates (Golles)**

Dawn Roe has arrived at Villa Barr. She will be in residence until May 31. She is a  
photographer with a heavy science influence. She will be working on a water  
study during her stay focusing on the Rouge River and bodies of water it flows  
through. She will be hosting a program at Villa Barr on May 23, keep an eye on  
Engage for details.

**5. 55+/Senior Participation (Golles/Group Discussion)**

We currently see the most participation from our older adult community in our  
Glass Fusion classes, Polynesian Dance classes, the Choralaires, and the Concert  
Band. Would like to hear any ideas for new programs or other offerings, please  
email them to me.

**6. Cultural Arts Resource Management Plan**

Review current plan for discussion at our next meeting. This plan is in need of an  
update and there is a lot of room for changes to be made.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**2022 Meeting Dates:**

June 1

August 3

October 5

December 7