VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
Jan. 12, 2026
Flossmoor Village Hall Committee Room

Call to Order — Commissioner Burrows called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call — *Present*: Commissioners Burrows, Calvin, Cheney & Stevenson. *Absent*: Gordon (excused), Lawrence (excused) and O'Brien (excused).

Citizens Present — None

Approval of the Dec. 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Burrows called for a motion to accept the December meeting minutes. Cheney brought the motion. Calvin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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PERMANENT COLLECTION
Stevenson shared an estimate of approximately $5,000 from Crystal Ferguson regarding sandblasting and repainting *Survivor*. He said he is still finding an estimate for transportation and that the Commission should could consider this as a conservation project for a future year. Commissioners discussed the importance of considering a sculpture's material for future purchases, as the combination of steel and concrete of *Survivor* has been challenging to maintain.

ROTATIONAL PROGRAM
Commissioners reviewed the planned cleaning of the three bronze sculptures this spring. Burrows said she would like publicity around the conservation efforts when they occur. Art Dept at H-F High School could be invited so students could observe restoration processes.

PROSPECTS / APPLICATIONS
There were no new prospects or applications to share.

RIPPLES OF PEACE PROGRAM
Stevenson shared information on the planned Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service community art project for Monday, Jan. 19. He said that the artist Indira Johnson has been contacted and invited to attend. Participants will make yard signs using markers and/or collage techniques. The signs will be displayed as a temporary installation at a future date around *Ten Thousand Ripples* in Leavitt Park. We will order yard signs and permanent markers for the project.

ARTFLOSSMOOR.COM REVIEW
Staff liaison Castagna shared the updates that had been made to the ArtFlossmoor.com website since the last meeting. Commissioners suggested adding an events section to promote upcoming events, such as

the Day of Service. Otocast was reviewed; Castagna shared that it is now accessible via desktops and that links have been added to the website. Cheney said he would like the Commission to consider adding a video of the collection to the website. Stevenson suggested it could something as simple as an Instagram Reel.

FUNDRAISING

Commissioners reviewed end-of-the-year donations and brick/bench sales. Burrows asked that the Mayor's donation letter sent out in late December be added to the website. Five benches were sold in December; one more is pending payment before being ordered. Five bricks were sold; one is awaiting payment.

The tentative schedule for the Garden Art & More Art Auction fundraiser was reviewed for 2026. Burrows shared a list of types of items that can be donated for this fundraiser. The same auction site will be used as in the 2024 auction: Charity Auctions Today. Call for artists will last through April; projects will be due late May and the auction will be open for three weeks in June.

Cheney shared a mockup of a donor wall display. The location of the display was discussed, then Commissioners questioned if a donor wall would result in increased donations or not. The idea of using the new seating wall in downtown was also discusses as a potential location for showcasing donors. The Commission will also consider a virtual donor wall on the ArtFlossmoor.com website. Burrows asked that commissioners research the effectiveness of donor recognition displays (physical and/or virtual) for generating donations for the next meeting. This includes asking acquaintances if these visuals motivate them to donate.

ADJOURNMENT

Stevenson moved to close the meeting.; seconded by Cheney. Meeting ended at 8:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Castagna