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Winnetka Design Review Board/Sign Board of Appeals Special Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026

Members Present:	Katie Moor, Chairperson
	Chris Baggett
	Wesley Barker
	Fritz Duda
	Heather Niehoff
Members Absent:	Peter Evanich
	Colin Kennedy
Village Staff:	Davorka Kirincic, Building and Code Enforcement Manager

Call to Order & Roll Call:
Chairperson Moor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken of the Board Members present.

Approval of Minutes:
Chairperson Moor asked for a motion to approve the May 7, 2026, and May 21, 2026, meeting minutes. The Board Members decided to hold off approval of the May 7, 2026, meeting minutes until the next meeting.

New Applications:
a. **Case No. 26-11-DR: Green Bay Trail Underpass of Oak Street Bridge: A Certificate of Appropriateness application for the National Charity League painted murals.**
Ms. Kirincic stated that the application seeks approval to install a painted mural on both sides of the underpass walls. Ms. Kirincic identified the property's location, zoning classification, and the applicant's request. She referred to images of the existing underpass walls and renderings of the proposed wall murals. Ms. Kirincic stated that the proposed murals were presented at the Village Council on June 2nd, and tonight, the DRB needed to vote on it.

Ms. Kirincic stated that, following the applicant's presentation, public comment, and Board discussion, the Board may either continue the matter to a date certain to allow time to address questions or comments or make a motion to approve or deny the Certificate of Appropriatness. She asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised at this time.

Chairperson Moor asked for the applicant's presentation.

Debra Cambel, the representative of the National Charity League, together with three New Trier sophomores and two New Trier freshmen, introduced themselves to the Board. Shane Taylor introduced herself as the mural artist. The first presenter referred to a PowerPoint presentation and summarized the background of the request. She stated that a newly formed committee sent a proposal to which three artists responded, and Ms. Taylor was selected. She stated that the Village Council and the committee met to determine the building's design expectations and to reach an agreement on the mural's location in the underpass. She stated Ms. Taylor provided species sketches and provided digital drawings, which were approved by the Village Council.

The presenters described the east and west wall design proposals and stated that, once all required approvals are obtained, the proposals would be submitted to Union Pacific. An outline of the mural project timeline was described. The presenter referred to Ms. Taylor's prior work and a before-and-after depiction of the proposed mural. The presenters then asked if there were any questions.

Chairperson Moor asked if consideration was given to providing information on the mural, which described the process. The presenters responded that they planned to include a plaque with a QR code containing detailed information about the mural. A Board Member advised the presenters of the Board's role with regard to the Certificate of Appropriateness. A presenter explained the rationale for the mural not extending into areas identified for the Board. Ms. Kirincic informed the Board of their role. Chairperson Moor referred to the prairie being included in the prior version and to the incorporation of native species. Ms. Niehoff suggested it be more Winnetka North Shore-like and include more seasons (except for winter). A Member Duda commented that he liked it and that the presenters did a good job. Mr. Barker agreed and referred to neighboring community murals, stating that the proposal connected with other North Shore murals.

Chairperson Moor asked if there were any other questions. No additional questions were raised at this time. Mr. Baggett moved to recommend approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the request as presented. Mr. Duda seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed, 4 to 1:
AYES: Baggett, Barker, Duda, Moor
NAYS: Niehoff

The presenters explained their fundraising process. Ms. Taylor estimated the time it would take to complete the mural to be 2-4 weeks.

Other Business.
No other business was discussed at this time.

a. June 18, 2026 Meeting – Quorum Check.
The Board Members discussed their availability. Ms. Kirincic provided information with regard to the June and July meeting agendas. The Board Members discussed the upcoming One Winnetka project.

Adjournment:
Chairperson Moor asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baggett and seconded by Mr. Duda. A vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously passed, 5 to 0:
AYES: Baggett, Barker, Duda, Moor, Niehoff
NAYS: None
The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antionette Johnson
Recording Secretary