

EVANSTON ARTS COUNCIL YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

Monthly Meetings

- Planning Meeting for Council Meeting (zoom) - 2nd Monday of the Month (with staff)
- Council Meeting (in-person) - 3rd Tuesday of the Month 6:30-8:30pm

Other Meetings

- Meet with Mayor to Review Bright Night Nominations (October-November)
- Meet with Mayor to Review Open Council Member Seats (As Needed)

End-Of-Year Tasks

- Review By-Laws
- Year-end review and set goals for next year
- Present to Health & Human Services Committee

January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVENT: Winter Meet & Greet • Cultural Fund Grant Prep 	February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Fund Grant Opens (NEA Grant Application Due) 	March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Fund Info Sessions 	April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Fund Grant Closes • Special Project Grant Review
May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Fund Review Panel Meets 	June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Fund Grant Allocated 	July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Project Grant Review (IAC Grant Application Due) 	August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVENT: Summer Community Arts Social
September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retreat • Special Project Grant Review 	October	November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Project Grant Review 	December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVENT: Bright Night for the Arts

Ongoing Tasks

- Budget
- Respond to Email Inquiries
- Assist with Newsletter
- Social Media

Point Person

- Cultural Fund Grants
- Special Project Grants
- Winter Meet & Greet
- Summer Community Arts Social
- Bright Night for the Arts

EVANSTON ARTS COUNCIL STAFF

New staff positions have been approved to support the Arts Council and the Arts in general in the city. The hope is that these positions will be filled early 2025.

- Arts Administrative Position (part-time) will support the arts council with admin including staffing meetings, budgets and invoicing, grants, etc.
[Job Posting Pending]
- Arts and Cultural Engagement Specialist (full-time) will serve as an arts and culture ambassador, advocate for the arts, etc.
[Job Posting - <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/c/City-of-Evanston/Job/Arts-and-Cultural-Engagement-Specialist/-in-Evanston,IL?jid=9dc058bebb36885b>]

SPECIAL PROJECTS

“Redefining” the Arts Council

- EAC is reviewing its charter to establish its purpose and goals moving forward

Annual Summer Arts Festival

- EAC Proposed to revive an annual summer arts festival
- Requested funding of \$250,000 from NW Community Benefits Package
- \$250,000 is stated in the benefits package as finding for a “special event”
- * *Arts Council needs to stay on top of this to ensure it is clear that this \$250,000 originated with a request from the Arts Council for an annual summer arts festival*

2025 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Arts

- EAC Proposed a year-long celebration of the arts in 2025 marking the 50th anniversary of the Evanston Arts Council
- Requested funding of \$150,000 from City Manager
- Also mentioned project to Economic Development Department as potential dovetail with Thrives
- * *Request has not been addressed, status is unknown*