

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
March 11, 2021 – 6:30 PM
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

THE ARTS COMMISSION WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND CALLED TO ORDER BY:

Chair McDermott AT:6:35pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Blau, Farmington, Michigan
Cindy Carleton, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Jeff Dutka, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Lesa Ferencz, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Joy Gradin, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Celeste McDermott, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Claire Perko, Farmington, Michigan
Ted Hadfield, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Sean Deason, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Lindsay Hawkins, Farmington Hills, Michigan

OTHERS PRESENT: Jessica Guzman, Cultural Arts Staff Liaison
Maria Taylor, Farmington City Council Liaison.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by McDermott support by Gradin, to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Section 9 COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS - amend second item to read Fairy not Fair.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD,
DEASON, HAWKINS
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

APPROVAL OF January 14 minutes:

Motion by Gradin support by Perko to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Past minutes were motioned by Gradin not Carleton

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD,
DEASON, HAWKINS
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: CHAIR

Maria Taylor nominated Lindsay Hawkins for Chair. Hawkins declined the nomination.
Carleton nominated Lesa Ferencz. Ferencz accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD,
DEASON, HAWKINS
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

ELECTION CARRIED 9-0.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: VICE CHAIR

Ferencz and Hawkins nominated Celeste McDermott for Vice-Chair. McDermott accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD,
DEASON, HAWKINS
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

ELECTION CARRIED 9-0.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: SECRETARY

Hadfield nominated Sean Deason for secretary. Deason declined the nomination. Hadfield nominated Cheryl Blau for secretary. Blau decline the nomination. Carleton self-nominated for secretary.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD,
DEASON, HAWKINS
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

ELECTION CARRIED 9-0.

ARTISTIC REFLECTION

Ted Hadfield shared his experience speaking about David Barr’s work at Riley Park. On a cold winter day in February, about three dozen folks gathered to learn about David and his legacy. Even though the evening was cold, Ted was really touched by people showing and making a connection to Art.

Celeste says “Art is Essential”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

The Hawk:

- Keys on 3/23/21
- Tech won't be in for set up until mid-April
- Late April through May would be the time for gathering and installing Public Art in the facility. Karla is the connection for Art collection. Online application for proposals at: <https://form.jotform.com/210143767399160>
- Soft Opening around June 1st
- Camp starts 6/14/21
- Maker Space on target to open early fall

Art on The Grand – scheduled for June 5 & 6

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – Mural Project

March 22nd there will be a public event about signage. All commissioners are encouraged to attend. Mural Project Team will be meeting earlier that week to review notes and recommendations.

Jessica recommended looking into Americans for the Arts, they have a Public Art Network that might have some resources. <https://www.americansforthearts.org/>

Hadfield will contact a co-worker who is working in/on public art.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS – Pedestal Project

Pedestals need to be completed and installed at The Hawk. We should plan a dedication when they are ready. Hadfield will be able to complete the plaques in a few weeks.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2021 PROJECTS

Fairy Doors

We will bring this idea to the community as a campaign to connect people with this fun and artful activity.

Blau will meet with Nomi and Ashlie (Heritage Park).

We will upload commissioner fairy door pictures to the “Stay Creative” site.

Hawkins will talk to Dwayne at KickStart.

Deason will put together a marketing piece in the “Stay Creative” space.

Threshold Imagination Doors

Great conversation on grant scope and definition. Highlights include defining the bios of the stakeholders to help the artist; getting feedback from the denied grant to improve grant applications moving forward; discussing Idea vs End Goal; how to target a few artists and ask for proposals.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Hawkins brought Art in Public Spaces back into the agenda, called for help to start documenting public art in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Gradin and Blau volunteered.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday 4/8/2021

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: McDermott

Time: 8:34PM

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Roll Call:

Yeas:	BLAU, CARLETON, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD, DEASON, HAWKINS
Nays:	NONE
Absent:	NONE
Abstentions:	NONE

Minutes drafted by: Joy Gradin