

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: MARCH 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
ROOM BLACKBOX
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Claire Perko AT: TIME 6:33pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Blau, Celeste McDermott, Don Fritz, Claire Perko, Cindy Carleton, Jeff Dutka, Lesa Ferencz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsay Janoch, Sean Deason, Ted Hadfield, Bree Schwartz, Nora Mason,

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Don Fritz support by Commissioner Cindy Carleton approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Add Farmington area arts report as a standing item on the Agenda.

Budget discussion added after Public Art Committee

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0-0

APPROVAL OF Feb 9, 2023 MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Don Fritz support by Commissioner Cindy Carleton to approve the minutes without amendments.

Amendment:

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Feedback regarding Ha Ha Hawk Comedy Event in the Blackbox was great. Commissioners that attended really enjoyed it. Attendees and performers were very impressed with faux brick wall and sign made by the MakersSpace for the event.

Dames Brown concert in auditorium also went really well. Large production with many musicians on stage and backdrops. Cultural Arts team and volunteers on deck to assist.

3 Men & a Tenor. Don Fritz attended and said it was a great show with a 'comfortably' full audience.

Rock Around the Hawk is building up momentum with approximately 70 in attendance at the last event.

Mini Mozarts percussion session on March 9th was presented in the Blackbox.

Kids Art Alley applications are open until the end of March for Art on the Grand. Art on the Grand is the first weekend in June with Kids Art Alley moved to the Huntington Bank parking lot for 2023.

Chris Blunden, Marketing Specialists, along with Special Services Camp Team, including Cultural Arts Coordinators, Jessica Guzman and Sam Koeppe, have created the Summer Camp Guide which is now available to pick up at The Hawk. Cultural Arts Camp offerings have increased to 6-8 camps per week. Pre Hawk, Cultural Arts was only able to offer 2 camps per week.

Art Awards and Distinguished Service Awards may hopefully return in the fall of 2023. Blackbox Theater has been reserved for this purpose in the meantime. October 12, 2023. Commissioner Ferencz will email and setup sub-committee meeting to discuss.

CITY OF FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT – (Claire Perko)

Riley Park sculptures to switch out in April.

Skepspace is active with art events in downtown.

The new Dinan Pocket Park has been funded and art opportunities are being considered. A Call for Art should go out in the future.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Commission will reach out to the new person in Planning at FH to continue discussions regarding public art and murals in the city.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Celeste McDermott proposes further discussion regarding budget and opportunities for Cultural Arts offsite planning & workshop opportunities as well as Mary Brooks art collection display. Balance of budget for this year not allocated for Tree Sculpture signage should be spent before June year end.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2023 PROJECTS

Farmington City Hall Art

Lesa Ferencz will reach out to city manager regarding status of city hall readiness to accept art and set a schedule.

Tree Sculpture Update –

Work will continue in the spring when the weather improves. Cindy and Celeste are working on the plaque with a goal of spring installation.

Mary Brooks Exhibit

Discussions continues regarding the showing of this art collection.

Art Awards

Subcommittee will meet to discuss Fall 2023 Art Awards plans.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Cheryl Blau shared about creative activities with her students.

Lesa Ferencz shared experience with The Hawk acrylics painting class as well as the book binding class in the MakerSpace with AJ.

Cindy Carleton shared that there may be opportunity for acquiring art sculptures for The Hawk that may be available from the Sarah Fisher center renovations on Inkster Road.

Don Fritz ushered at 3 Men and a Tenor as a volunteer and ticketing ideas for attendees. Early bird discounts?

Claire Perko has attended the clay classes at The Hawk and taken advantage of scheduling extra studio time offered.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Johnna Balk commented on attending the State of the Cities event at The Hawk

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Claire Perko Time: 8:19pm

Minutes drafted by: Co-Chairperson Lesa Ferencz