

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
September 8 – 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Vice Chair McDermott **AT:** 6:34 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Blau, Cindy Carleton, Jeff Dutka, Donald Fritz, Nora Mason, Celeste McDermott, Claire Perko,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sean Deason, Lesa Ferencz, Ted Hadfield, Lindsay Janoch,

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison
Bree Schwartz, Farmington Resident
Mark Price, Farmington Hills Resident, Potential Commissioner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Amendments: Remove 6. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT due to no report to present. COMMISSION FOCUSED

2022 PROJECTS: Remove Farmington City Hall Art and Mary Brooks exhibit due to no report to present

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

APPROVAL OF June 9, 2022 minutes:

Motion by McDermott support by Carleton to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bree Schwartz presented a request for interest regarding creating a “art share gallery box”. Plymouth and Douglass, MI have installed in their communities. It is the same concept as the take a book/leave a book library boxes, but for art. Art shared is of all levels and age groups. Robust conversation among the group as to possible locations – Riley Park, the Hawk, C.A.R.E.S. Commissioner Perko to connect Bree to DwDA and Rachel to explore building the box(s) in the Maker Space.

Mark Price, saw the opening in the Activities guide and is interested in getting more involved. Longtime resident who is not aware of the art and cultural breadth in the community.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Summer Camps: 822 Camp Enrollments for art, music, theatre, dance camps. 559 unique enrollments.

Stars in the Park: Only one rainout! Successful season. Booking NOW for Summer 2023. October deadline.

Detroit Youth Choir at The Hawk in July was a success. Booking dates for next summer.

MAKERSPACE

Makerspace open house – 200+ attendees
Ribbon cutting on Monday, Sep 12. Details were emailed.
Makerspace officially opens Tuesday, Sept 13.

ROCK AROUND THE HAWK – grant funded, foundation for youth and families

First dance party today, 10-11 am with about 30 attendees. Kudos to Programmer Lindsay Janoch.

Tree Sculpture Foundation was poured today

YOUTH THEATRE

Newsies Jr., 160+ kids cast
Legally Blonde, 80+ cast
OPEN SPOT THEATRE begins Sept 22

Michigan Makers Markets applications closed end of August. Show was juried – going to be a fantastic exhibit.
Save the date, Saturday October 29. 10 am- 4pm.

COMING UP:

Jazz series: Planet D, Sep 15 in the blackbox
Drag Queen Bingo, Sep 18 in the Blackbox
How to be Funny 101 with Mark Boyd (Lesa F.) Oct 1, blackbox
Stephen Mack Jones, Oct. 7, blackbox
DSO at The Hawk, Thurs Sept 22, 7:30 pm. Open seating. FREE
Whiskey Charmers Sep 24 on the Mainstage

Art and Dance Classes start the week of September 19. Fun new Social Art Nights for ages 21+

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2022 PROJECTS

Tree Sculpture Update:

4' deep concrete foundation is poured. Installation of trunk and welding will begin soon. Video Division is creating a time-lapse documentation.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Carleton suggested having meetings in Farmington to have more of a presence. Councilwoman Balk and the Farmington Commissioners will explore potential meeting locations. Targeting October meeting. Cindy also shared experience at Candlelight Concerts. Commissioner Fritz has attended as well.
- Commissioner Perko provided an update on the Kindness Rock Garden. It is progressing. Solicited volunteers to paint rocks on Sept.18. Harvest Moon is September 15-18, and there are still openings for volunteers.
- Commissioner Fritz attended concerts at Heritage Park. Introduced discussion around sound system inconsistencies.
- Commissioner Blau shared Warnerette parade schedules and anticipated expansions and opportunities with the property purchase adjacent to the Warner Mansion.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

October 13, 2022
Location TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: McDermott

Time: 8:21

Minutes drafted by: CARLETON