

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
November 10, 2022 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
Heritage Room
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Ferencz AT: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lesa Ferencz, Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Sean Deason, Ted Hadfield, Cindy Carleton, Claire Perko, Bree Schwartz, Donald Fritz, Nora Mason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Dutka, Cheryl Blau

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Jackie Boleware, Farmington Hills City Council Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Janoch support by Commissioner McDermott to approve the agenda without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

APPROVAL OF October 13, 2022 MINUTES:

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Thanks to all who attended Oct and early Nov events including concerts in Blackbox and on the Mainstage such as Ara Topouzian, Detroit Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, Dani Darling, Sheila Landis and more; and special events like Antiques Twelve Mile Roadshow, Michigan Maker's Market, and Nancy Coumoundouros' exhibit opening at City Hall. Newsies opens this evening for FH Youth Theatre. Tickets available for arts commissioners to attend cultural arts concert and performance opportunities.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing to report.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2022 PROJECTS

Nothing to report.

Farmington City Hall Art

We will await update from Commissioner Blau when she returns.

Tree Sculpture Update

Commissioner Hadfield shared that Dan from NTG Welding is working with him to prepare more parts for the tree. We will still need to pull from our sources to create more pieces. Lighting plan needs to be developed and implemented soon. Bench can be something commercial or something designed specifically for the sculpture. Councilwoman Boleware noted that the tree sculpture garnered attention and conversation at the Michigan Maker's Market. Commissioner McDermott shared that she is gathering language and ideas for signage. Discussion about whether it will be called "Scrupture" and if the bench should be included in the story and experience. Subcommittee discussion may be necessary to finalize details regarding bench, signage, and recognition of various contributors. Discussion about using the idea of an evolving, changing, unfinished tree as part of the story discussing growth and change with regard to the use of this space from high school to community center. Chair Ferencz will email subcommittee to plan a meeting time.

Mary Brooks Exhibit

In Progress with no new updates.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Ferencz stated that Councilwoman Boleware will seek guidance regarding interpretation of bylaws with regard to a quorum that considers alternates within the count. She also attended Antiques Twelve Mile Roadshow. Crowd was small, but the event was fun and interesting. She would like to see that program return again next year.

Commissioner Carleton discussed the possibility of incorporating a standard Farmington cultural arts update into the agenda. She also attended a meeting for FAR (far-therapy.org), a performing and visual arts program for youth and young adults with challenges. They are located in West Bloomfield and incorporated within public schools offering music and art therapy. She also attended the Stephen Jones/Neal Rubin author talk. Also, she shared that Canton Fine Arts commission may be interested in connecting with this commission.

Commissioner Fritz shared that the activities guide is informative; but, can be difficult to use as it is divided by programming instead of dates. Perhaps a calendar including all activities could be included. He attended several concerts such as Ara Topouzian, Sheila Landis, Youth Orchestra, and Farmington Community Band.

Commissioner Janoch mentioned that two different people came up to her this past weekend to mention how much they enjoyed the Sheila Landis concert.

Commissioner Hadfield shared that Edee Joppich is currently on exhibit at KickstART Farmington. Opening reception is next Thursday. KickstART celebrated their 10th anniversary celebration at Artpack last week.

Commissioner Schwartz shared that the rock garden continues to be a source of enjoyment for citizens. Thanks to all contributors. She also attended Chair Ferencz' exhibit at KickstART Farmington in the last days of the exhibit. She inquired about mini art galleries update.

Commissioner McDermott acknowledged that she enjoyed the programs that Lindsay Janoch has been programming for the Cultural Arts Division.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilwoman Boleware reminded the commission that \$2500 has been designated for the commission from FH city council and that extra funds are available on an application basis.

NEXT MEETING DATE

No official December meeting planned.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Ferencz

Time: 7:23 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch