

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
September 9 – 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
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THE ARTS COMMISSION WAS HELD IN PERSON AND CALLED TO ORDER BY:

Chair FERENCZ AT: 6:35

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Blau, Farmington, Michigan
Cindy Carleton, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Dutka, Lindsay Janoch

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by FERENZ support by GRADIN, to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Addition of 1) Vacant storefront art and 2) Farmington City Hall public art to COMMISSION FOCUSED 2021 PROJECTS. Later tabled to the next meeting along with COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS due to discussion time needed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

APPROVAL OF June 10, 2021 minutes:

Motion by FERENCZ support by CARLETON to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: ARTISTIC REFLECTIONS third bullet point “Tactical or incremental Tourism” revised to read “Tactical or incremental Urbanism” per PERKO.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: JANOCH, DUTKA
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

ARTISTIC REFLECTION

- MCDERMOTT shared awesomeness of Sturgis Moon viewing August 20-22. Also visited the Mint Museum in Charlotte.
- PERKO introduced a Call for Art for the Grand Raven Festival in Farmington. City might do fundraising for purchase of “The Old Crow”
- HADFIELD described his experience working on the Hills 275 Trailhead. Collaborated with artists Molly McNeece and Kelly O’Neill
- FERENCZ moved more art from Mexico. She had to remove from frames and move herself. Everything arrived in good condition.
- BLAU participated in the 14th Annual Motor City Tap Fest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Weinfuss introduced himself and his interest in joining the commission. He is a painter and took a watercolor class at the Stables Studio at Heritage Park. He had a good experience, and felt the teacher was great.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

THIS SUMMER

CAMPS

Still limited numbers because of COVID

10 weeks of camp
59 camps in art, music, theatre, and dance/movement
532 total camp registrations
352 unique registrations (unique individuals)

Stars in the Park Concert Series - 7 Concerts this Year – an estimated 3,100 people saw & heard outdoor music!
Two cancellations: Atomic Radio due to rain. Farmington Community Chorus.

The SpongeBob musical – this summer! 60 kids cast, over 1,000 people attended a total of 4 performances.

Youth Theatre

Auditions for the Fall Youth Theatre productions took place at the end of August, rehearsals start next week!
Descendants Junior – 160 kids cast. Mamma Mia – 55 cast.
Descendants Junior performs November 18-21, Mamma Mia December 2-5

Classes at The Hawk – Fall Guide is out! Dance and art classes. Music classes, still pending.
Classes start the week of Sept 20. Hiring some really great teachers!

Exhibits

The Hawk - Art Gallery - Seen by thousands during Summer Camps, Fitness & Aquatics Events
Challenges with the space! Paused hanging artwork in areas that don’t have cameras.

Pending projects – Tree project, had to be put on hold – will resume soon.
Resumed rotating exhibits at City Hall this summer:

City Hall - Aric Jorn- Giving Shape to Viking Myth - April 5 - June 5 - See Video

City Hall - PTA Reflections Student Photography Winners at City Hall - June 14 - August 30

City Hall - Gold, Ink & Rose Water: Exhibit of Arabic & Islamic Calligraphy by Nihad Dukhan. September 6- October 31

City Hall - Artist Talk on September 15, 2021 - 7-9 p.m. - Nihad Dukhan

Michigan Makers Market @ The Hawk - October 16, 10am - 4pm - New date and location

Public Art Program - Taking Applications now through September 30. (Will send another Call for Artists - Now that MMM jurying is over) - Link: <https://tinyurl.com/FHPublicArtProgram2022-23>

Makerspace

Slowly opening this fall with trial periods, tours, etc. Plan to open for programming starting in January.

Theatre challenges this summer, but the new lights, sound systems and curtain are installed. Everything worked very well for SpongeBob!

Partnerships

Farmington Community Chorus partnership – The Hawk is officially their home.

Farmington Community Band – continuing to work on a partnership agreement.

Staffing

Sam Koeppe is new Full Time Performing Arts Coordinator

New assistant, Stephani Hicks

New Theatre AV Tech, Rio Salazar. Hiring a second tech soon.

Two new Makerspace techs – Eric Richardson and Julia Rhode.

Hiring lots of teachers!

Rentals – concentrating on programming for Theatre before it is opened for rentals.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Update from Mural Committee on study sessions with City Council and Attorneys. The Planning Commission and the FAAC are in agreement that murals should be for aesthetic enjoyment and not advertising for the business. Sign policy addresses this. Need further discussion on who will be the contact and advisors for businesses who meet the criteria.

Councilwoman Boleware shared Council study session recommendation that the FAAC act as the advisory body. Next work meeting scheduled for September 15.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

October 14, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: FERENCZ

Time: 8:09

Minutes drafted by: CARLETON