

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
January 14, 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
Clair Perko, Farmington, Michigan
Ted Hadfield, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Sean Deason, Farmington Hills, Michigan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsay Hawkins

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Jackie Boleware, Farmington Hills City Council Liaison
Maria Taylor, Farmington City Council Liaison.

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Maria Mainero, Citizen, Leader of Girl Scout Troop 75343

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Amendments: Add Threshold Imagination Door Project to the Commission Focused 2020 Projects (agenda item 8) and amend the third item to read Fairy not Fair.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

APPROVAL OF November 12th minutes:

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

Amendments: Past minutes were motioned by Gradin not Carleton

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Mainero, Leader of Girl Scout Troop 75343, and a number of the girls from the troop joined the meeting because they are interested in doing a community based art project.

ARTISTIC REFLECTION

Celeste acknowledged the Cultural Arts Division for their Leadership Award for COVID Summer Camp Programing.

Commissioner Blau’s election to the School Board was acknowledged by McDermott.

Commissioner Carleton took a local trip with her sister exploring Public Art in Detroit. Commissioner Blau continues to stay creative with her students. Commissioner Hadfield and Art Pack have been bequeathed by a long time client to sell and gift a number of art pieces from their collection. He is considering gifting to the City, Rachel will look into the City guidelines concerning receiving gifts.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Timlin reported on progress at The Hawk; the Department should have occupancy of The Hawk by spring.

Commissioners will be asked to participate in focus groups to test out Cultural Arts programs and facilities before opening to the public. Timlin will be in contact with the commission for specific needs. Cultural Arts plans to kick off programming at The Hawk in June with Summer Camps. The Cultural Arts Division will be seeking art work for the opening of the facility; Commissioners Hadfield and Ferencz volunteered to help with this effort.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – Hawk Tree Sculpture

Tree sculpture project has been moved inside until Spring. A structural engineer will review the mounting design for safety. Mounting may change to a bolted steel plate.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – Mural Project

Team will be regrouping. Nothing to report this evening.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS – Pedestal Project

Commissioner Hadfield has built a number of pedestals for this project with the budget from the commission and the gift from Councilman Randy Bruce. Commission voted on the designation of plaques on the pedestals.

Motion by Carleton support by Hadfield to create two plaques to be placed on two different pedestals. One plaque as a memorial, as requested by Randy Bruce with his gift to the Commission to construct a pedestal/lectern. The second plaque in recognition of the service of past Art Commissioners (Removable and editable) on a second pedestal.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Commissioners continued discussion of pedestal project.

Motion by Carleton support by Hadfield to resend motion #1 as the commission has not clearly defined our mission/vision with the pedestal project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Commissioners continued discussion of pedestal project.

Motion by Blau support by Hadfield to have two plaques on **ONE** pedestal; specifically the lectern style that can be converted to a pedestal. One permanent plaque as a memorial, as requested by Randy Bruce with his gift to the Commission the second plaque in recognition of the service of past Art Commissioners (Removable and editable).

Roll Call Vote:

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Nays: NONE
Absent: HAWKINS
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS – Fairy Doors

Idea of Fairy Door project introduced by Council woman / Mayor pro-tem Boleware, from City resident Nomi Joyrich. Commissioners discussed the idea of a Fairy Door public project. Temporary in nature, in the theme of a scavenger hunt. Possible involve local business, groups, artists. Commissioner Hadfield suggested we refer to the project as “Tiny Doors” to give the concept more of an artsy feel. Maria Taylor will share the idea with the Farmington DDA.

Add to the Agenda for next month – All to come with ideas.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS – Threshold Imagination Doors

Commissioner Carleton introduced the idea of creating an artistic doorway, installed at Heritage Park that can be used for healing our mental health. Along the lines of Forest Bathing, an outdoor visual threshold (the door) to our imagination and to the relief of stress. Ashley Smith from Heritage Park Nature Center is very interested in a Threshold Door for the Park. Cindy and Ashley have been working together to procure grant funding and Cindy felt it was time to bring it to the commission. “Art that’s good for the Soul.” Maria Taylor
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COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

NONE.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday 2/11/2021

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: McDermott

Time: 8:29PM

Minutes drafted by: Joy Gradin