

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
November 9, 2023  
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
Activity Room C  
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**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Perko AT: 6:44 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cindy Carleton, Claire Perko, Cheryl Blau, Lesa Ferencz, Ted Hadfield, Bree Schwartz, Jeff Dutka, Nora Mason

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sean Deason, Celeste McDermott, Donald Fritz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison  
Lindsay Janoch, Cultural Arts Programmer, staff liaison sub for Rachel Timlin

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Commission Ferencz support by Commissioner Carleton to approve the agenda without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2023 MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Ferencz support by Commissioner Hadfield to approve the minutes with amendments.

Amendments: Under "OTHERS PRESENT", add Mark Boyd, Artist in Residence and change spelling from Tonya Nordhaus to Tanya Nordhaus.

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

Lindsay Janoch reported that Michigan Maker's Market on 10/14 was a great success, lighter crowds than usual but good sales and happy vendors. Past concerts included: Chamber Soloists on 10/15, Mini Mozarts Brass & Woodwinds on 10/26, Farmington Concert Band on 10/29, Signal Quartet on 11/2, and Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony on 11/5. Matilda the Musical opens tonight, 11/9. Upcoming concerts and special events include A Celebration of Native American Culture on 11/16, Antiques Twelve Mile Roadshow on 11/18, and Disney's Little Mermaid opens Nov 30 and runs through Dec 3. Another grant was received from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families to support Rock Around the Hawk. Public Art Program has been juried and lots of great new art is coming to City Hall. New Activities Guide is out. Cultural Arts is currently programming the 24/25 season. Looking for a new Makerspace Manager and the job will be posted soon.

## **FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT**

Chair Perko shared that the Pocket Park opening/donor reception was 11/8 at Heights Brewing. KickstART renovation is still in progress. SKEP space has moved into new space two doors down from previous space. Heart the Art is coming in February. Commissioner Carleton expressed that she would like to see more centralized arts communication about events and activities. Commissioner Ferencz picked up the art tags for the Farmington City Hall art.

## **ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET**

Councilwoman Balk reported that City of Farmington will be contributing to the Arts Commission budget and she will share more information when it is available.

## **COMMISSION FOCUSED 2023-2024 PROJECTS**

### **Tree Sculpture/Bench update**

Commissioner Hadfield shared that bench design is still in progress. Commissioner Schwartz has wood slabs that may work for the project.

### **Mary Brooks Exhibit**

Commissioner Ferencz will meet with Rachel Timlin and Commissioner Janoch to discuss a possible one-day exhibition.

### **Little Art Library**

Commissioners Mason & Schwartz shared that additions will be added on Nov 18 at 3:30 at Commissioner Schwartz's space. They are still seeking additional spaces/curators. They are seeking a space in Farmington. Chair Perko will inquire about permissions for art library placements.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cultural Arts Musical Composition**

No report.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hadfield shared that Sergio De Giusti has offered to do a relief at The Hawk and he will seek more information. Inquiry about whether the John Glick piece that De Giusti donated has been displayed.

Commissioner Blau invited all to the Warnerettes Holiday Splendor Tea on 12/13 at 11 AM at Walnut Creek Country Club. The event sponsors a scholarship. Her students have Veterans artwork on display at the American Legion.

Commissioner Carleton attended a Japanese Tea Ceremony at the Frank Lloyd Wright house.

Chair Perko shared that she took a silver jewelry-making class at The Hawk.

Commissioner Janoch provided a #liveatthehawk photo challenge update and shared a craft that her daughter has been making.

Commissioner Ferencz shared that holiday décor and party preparations are underway. Reminder that the Holiday Party is 12/14 at 6:30.

## **LIAISON COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Balk thanked all for their support regarding her re-election.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: January 11, 2024**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: Chair Perko      Time: 8:10 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch