

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
September 14, 2023  
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
Room: Activity Room A/B  
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**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Claire Perko AT: 6:36 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Claire Perko, Don Fritz, Lesa Ferencz, Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Ted Hadfield, Bree Schwartz, Nora Mason, Celeste McDermott, Cheryl Blau

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sean Deason, Jeff Dutka

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Chair Perko support by Commissioner Ferencz to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Edit Nov 9, 2023 to Oct 12, 2023 under “Next Meeting”

MOTION CARRIED: 10:0:0

**APPROVAL OF June 8, 2023 MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Janoch support by Commissioner Carleton to approve the minutes with amendments.

Amendments: Cheryl Blau changed from MEMBERS ABSENT to MEMBERS PRESENT

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public present, no public comments.

**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

Summer camp program had record attendance for Cultural Arts campers. Well-trained camp staff did a tremendous job providing a safe, fun program for all of the campers. Youth theatre auditions in August had largest turnout ever and a third production has been added to accommodate more performers. First rehearsal with Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony began last Saturday as The Hawk is their new home. Richard Adams, president of Farmington Art Foundation, has a new exhibition at City Hall with an artist talk. The DSO returns 9/23 to kick off the season. National R& B Hall of Fame concert is 9/24. Arts commissioners are encouraged to volunteer as ushers for performances. Twenty-five years of the Cultural Arts Division will be celebrated in 2025. Cultural Arts revenue has greatly increased. Staff retention is one of the biggest challenges.

## **FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT**

City Hall art will be installed soon. A new sculpture is coming to the pocket park. SKEP space will close at the end of October. KickstART is continuing to move forward with reopening in their new space. Heart the Art is 2/10/24. Discussion regarding reopening the idea of documenting public arts in Farmington / Farmington Hills.

## **ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET**

From commission budget, money was transferred to this fiscal year from last year to pay for the bench. More funds allocated for this fiscal year.

Proposal from CMO for Arts Commission-sponsored community mural at the City-Wide Open House on 10/8/23. -Artist Daniel Cascardo would produce a mural at a cost of \$3000. Discussion regarding seeking funds from city council or the commission's own budget. Concern that there is not enough time to complete the ask and appropriately publicize.

Art Awards Funding -This year will be a small event and no additional funding is needed. We should consider for future years.

## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT**

Motion by Commissioner Janoch to remove the Public Art Committee Report from further agendas support by Commissioner Hadfield

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## **COMMISSION FOCUSED 2023 PROJECTS**

### **Farmington City Hall Art**

Commissioner Ferencz reminded Commission of their purpose and mission. Programs should be self-sustaining and administered by other organizations. This project has required a tremendous amount of work. More than 100 pieces were submitted. Committee selected art. City hall is being painted. Artists drop-off on September 30. Help is needed to facilitate the drop-off and install the art. Commissioner Carleton will aid with plaques and artist pamphlet. To date, the city of Farmington has given no budget for this project. Commissioner Ferencz would like the commission to present this program publicly at the next city council meeting and formally request a budget. Accolades to Commissioners Ferencz and Blau for their work and perseverance on this project. An early to mid-October opening is planned.

### **Tree Sculpture Update**

Commissioner Hadfield shared that NTG Enterprises has done the welding at no charge and volunteered their time. He requested that they be acknowledged. New pieces have been added to the sculpture. Photographs are available. The bench cost has been quoted and a P.O. issued. Additional funding for signage costs may need to be allocated. Bench design was discussed.

### **Mary Brooks Exhibit**

No report.

### **Art Awards**

Rachel Timlin shared that Arts Awards are scheduled for Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Artists from the Hawk Public Art program will be invited to attend.

## **Little Art Library**

Commissioner Blau shared that the program began at the farm market this summer. It was well-received by all. The committee is working to develop a budget, outside support, and a self-sustaining program.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Janoch issued a #liveatthehawk social media challenge to the commissioners.

Commissioner Blau gave out information about the upcoming A Toast to Education event on November 3, 2023.

Commissioner Fritz would like the commission to commission a composition for a group that could be used for the CARTS 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Commissioner Fritz is willing to pursue the project for the group. This will be added to next month's agenda. Commissioner Fritz shared feedback regarding Stars in the Park artists.

Commissioner Schwartz shared that she enjoys the Rock Around the Hawk program and is looking forward to volunteering for the program.

## **LIAISON COMMENTS**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** October 12, 2023

Location: THE HAWK, 29995 TWELVE MILE RD

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: Claire Perko                      Time: 9:17 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch