

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
October 12, 2023
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
Activity Room B
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Perko AT: 6:35 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lesa Ferencz, Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Donald Fritz, Nora Mason, Cheryl Blau

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Carleton, Jeff Dutka, Bree Schwartz, Sean Deason

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison
Tanya Nordhaus, Public
Mark Boyd, 2023-24 Artist in Residence

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8:0:0

APPROVAL OF September 14, 2023 MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner McDermott support by Commissioner Ferencz to approve the minutes without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 8:0:0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tanya Nordhaus presented a mural project featuring artist Lisa Marie Thalhammer.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Rachel Timlin presented 2023 Summer Camp Report and concert and special event info. Detroit Sound Conservancy is playing in the Black Box tonight, 10/12. Michigan Maker's Market is 10/14. Chamber Soloists of Detroit will play this 10/15. Grant was received for \$18,000 for youth theatre. DSO & Simply Queen concerts both had full houses. Art Awards evening was a great success. Commendations to Celeste for a great awards presentation to Ted Hadfield, winner of the Nancy Coumoundouros Distinguished Service to the Arts award. Staff felt appreciated for their efforts. Artist in Residence Mark Boyd shared his gratitude for the award and his excitement for the upcoming year. Nora Mason has been hired as a Makerspace Specialist.

FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT

Chair Perko shared that Heart the Art is coming in February. A new sculpture is coming to the pocket park and the park will be opening soon. Grand Raven Festival is happening downtown.

ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET

It was reported that Councilwoman Boleware confirmed via email that the commission has \$5,000 in the commission budget for this year from the City of Farmington Hills. Commissioner McDermott inquired about the city of Farmington's intentions regarding a contribution to the commission's budget. Councilwoman Balk will address this with Farmington City Council.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

This item is to be removed from further agendas.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2023-2024 PROJECTS

Farmington City Hall Art

Commendations to Commissioner Ferencz for a job well done. Thanks to commissioners and volunteers that helped with artist drop-off and installation. Commissioner Carleton created a brochure. Tags will be ordered for the art and paid for by the city of Farmington. The city will organize the exhibition opening/reception. Project as commission-focused agenda item is complete. This item is to be removed from further agendas.

Tree Sculpture/Bench Update

Commissioner Hadfield shared that contractor will make the bench once we have the design prepared. Funds have been allocated for this project.

Mary Brooks Exhibit

No report.

Little Art Library

Committee will be meeting on 10/24/23.

25th Anniversary Cultural Arts Musical Composition

Commissioner Fritz met with Larry Hutchinson. Farmington Concert Band may be a good option for collaboration as FCB's 60th anniversary aligns with the Cultural Art's Division's 25th anniversary. If this project is to move forward, next steps would include developing a budget, identifying a composer, determining a style, etc. Commissioner Blau reminded commissioners of our roles and responsibilities. Interested sub-committee members should connect with Commissioner Fritz.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Ferencz invited all to a Commissioner's Holiday party on December 14, 2023 in lieu of a December meeting. Cultural Arts team, commission and councilwomen should all be invited.

Motion by Commissioner McDermott second by Chair Perko to allocate \$499 in funds for the holiday celebration.

MOTION CARRIED 8:0:0

Commissioner Blau shared an invite to her upcoming Bat Mizvah on 11/25/23.

Commissioner Janoch shared an update for the #liveatthehawk commissioner photo challenge.

Commissioner Hadfield shared an update on the construction at KickstART Gallery.

Commissioner McDermott congratulated Mark Boyd and Ted Hadfield for their awards.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilwoman Balk appreciated the art installation project in Farmington City Hall. Plans are underway for mansion updates and a 200th anniversary celebration.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 9, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Perko Time: 8:44 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch