

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
**DATE:** Jan 9, 2020 – 6:30 PM  
COSTICK CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
28600 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD  
FARMINGTON HILLS MI 48336

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** McDermott AT: 6:31

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Blau, Carleton, Deason, Ferencz, Gradin, Hadfield, Hawkins, Hayes, McDermott, Pike, Warner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Breen, Dutka

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison; Maria Taylor, Farmington City Council Liaison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by: McDermott, support by: Pike to approve the agenda as submitted.

Carried: Unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES from: Nov 14, 2019**

Motion by: Pike, support by: Gradin to approve minutes as amended.

Amendments: Under Service Hours Form - added Secretary lead discussion.

Under Cultural Arts Division Report - removed “as part of the Commissioners’ digital packet”  
from the second line

Under Pedestal Project - listed the exact dollar amount allocated to the pedestal project

Carried: Unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Welcomed Councilwoman Maria Taylor to her first FAAC meeting as the first Liaison from the Farmington City Council. Brief round of introductions from Commissioners.

**ARTISTIC REFLECTIONS**

Commissioner Ferencz – photographed local writer Stephen Jones for the German edition of his second book.

Commissioner Carleton – recommended Holiday Lights event at Greenfield Village, also Monster Draw at MOCAD

Commissioner Warner – is in the Postcard show in Troy, opening reception on 1/9/20, to support ALS Association

Commissioner Hayes – shared updates and upcoming events at the Kickstart Gallery. Shared his experience at the Box Factory for the Arts in St Joseph, MI.

Commissioner Gradin – attended numerous music shows over the holidays

Commissioner Hawkins – highly impressed with the cabaret fundraising event at Tipping Point Theatre in Northville, MI.

Commissioner Blau – praised Big Fish performance. Also, conducted a creative writing exercise with her students based on Terry Butler’s show at City Gallery.

**ART COUNCIL REPORT**

Will meet on Jan 14, 2020. Rachel Timlin will attend to provide updates on the Hawk.

## **CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

Farmington Art Foundation chose Ms Nancy Coumoundouros to jury Spring 2020 show

Exhibits – Hava Gurevich at City Hall; Terry Butler at City Gallery, followed by Birmingham Society of Women Painters

Holiday Market successful. Positive feedback from artists

Elf Jr. and Big Fish – great shows!

Youth Theater Auditions for Mamma Mia and James and the Giant Peach on Jan. 11-12. Free audition workshop was attended by almost 200 kids.

Year 2020 marks 20 years of Cultural Arts programming in Farmington Hills

Art on the Grand – still time to apply till 1/31/2020. Will have a good mix of new and returning artists.

Kids' Art Alley – changed the age requirement to participate to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Hawk update – working on obtaining a grant to build and design the makerspace. The Hawk will be one of the largest community center of its kind in the Midwest, providing spacious facilities for the visual and performing arts.

## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Hadfield reported that salvaged materials are being saved during the demolition and renovation of the Hawk. Next steps will involve recruiting artists.

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT**

No discussion. This item can be taken off the agenda.

## **HAWK GALLERY & STAGING AREA REPORTS**

Chairwoman McDermott recapped the update from last meeting and re-emphasized the importance of advocacy for the permanent art gallery at the Hawk. Artist in Residence Pamela Alexander submitted her letter of support.

## **COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS**

**Student Art Awards** – committee will present an update at the February meeting.

**Exhibitions Committee** – Commissioner Gradin will present an update at the March meeting.

**Festival of the Arts** – tabled this topic until Cultural Arts Division is ready to proceed with planning

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Warner – officially announced her assignment as an alternate Commissioner, and Cheryl Blau's becoming a regular Commissioner, per approval from Farmington City Council.

Commissioner Carleton – suggested adding municipal updates from Liaisons to future FAAC agendas. To be considered.

Chairwoman McDermott – proposed holding FAAC meeting at the Kickstart Gallery in March. Also, reminded commissioners to complete Service Hours Log for 2019 as data will be used in reporting to both Cities.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE: Feb 13, 2020**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: McDermott

Time: 8:01

Minutes drafted by: Pike