

FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
November 14, 2024 -6:30 PM  
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
Lesson Room, First Floor  
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**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Commissioner Perko AT: 6:37 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Claire Perko, Cheryl Blau, Ted Hadfield, Donald Fritz, Sean Deason, Bree Schwartz, Celeste McDermott, Lesa Ferencz, Cindy Carleton, Craig Nowak

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lindsay Janoch, Nora Mason, Jeff Dutka

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison  
Pamela Eatman and Cheryl Haithco from Blackbird Gallery

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Commissioner Perko support by Commissioner Hadfield to approve the agenda with/without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 11:0:0

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner McDermott support by Hadfield to approve the minutes with/without amendments. Add 2024 Arts Awards discussion and acknowledgement of its success under Cultural Arts Division Report

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pamela Eatman and Cheryl Haithco from Farmington Hills located Blackbird Gallery – Introduction and presentation about Blackbird Gallery once located in the Fischer Building in Detroit. The mission of the gallery is to represent not only artists of color but of those that aren't as easily accepted. Blackbird Gallery is located at 36216 Freedom Rd in FH. The gallery offers art learning activities for children as well as art exhibitions. Gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday

**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

MI Makers Market – About 2,000 attendees with great feedback from artists. Shrek the musical was well attended with over 3,000 people. Detroit Concert Choir performance and Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony were both recent programs. Sukanya Ramakrishna has paintings and photography at City Hall through Jan 10. Art on the Grand exhibitor applications are open until Dec 31. AIR Debbie Lim would like to do a project for mental health in May 2025. Makers Space and Visual Arts programs recently included build your own skateboard and also a Crafted in Kindness event 11/23. Winter / Spring activities guide is out. Great programs coming up in November and December! Timlin shared promotional materials.

**FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT**

Riley Pavilion mural is complete. The artist is Malt. Construction documents for the art promenade off of Grand River Ave in downtown Farmington. Masonic Plaza park sculptures are in the fabrication process now.

**ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET**

Nothing to report.

**COMMISSION FOCUSED 2024-2025 PROJECTS REVIEW**

**Tree Sculpture**

Kickoff to summer for tree dedication. Planning Committee: Rachel, Lesa, Jeff, Bree, Ted. June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 6 pm

**Little Art Library**

Commissioner Schwartz reports its in use by students and is still looking for permanent placement.

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

Don Fritz reports that the committee and music composers are still in the process w/ a target completion of 25/26.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Blau shared about using music to teach lessons to her 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.

Commissioner Hadfield shared kickstart show of Carlos Diaz closes 11/15. Tom Barret show opens 11/20 and runs through 12/21. Artist reception 11/22, 5-8 pm.

Commissioner Deason wrote three albums of music. The first one releases November 29.

Commissioner Perko saw Cursed Child and Wicked in NYC.

Commissioner Schwartz volunteers for Rock Around the Hawk and loves it!

**LIAISON COMMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: Commission Chair Perko                      Time: 7:45 PM

Minutes drafted by: Commissioner Ferencz