

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
APRIL 8, 2021-6:30 PM
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

THE ARTS COMMISSION WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND CALLED TO ORDER BY:

Chair Ferencz AT: 6:32

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cindy Carleton, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Jeff Dutka, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Lindsay Hawkins, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Lesa Ferencz, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Celeste McDermott, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Claire Perko, Farmington, Michigan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cheryl Blau, Joy Gradin, Ted Hadfield, Sean Deason

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jessica Guzman, Cultural Arts Staff Liaison
Maria Taylor, Farmington City Council Liaison
Bryan Farmer, Deputy Director of Special Services

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Ferencz support by Perko, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, HAWKINS, MCDERMOTT, PERKO,
Nays: NONE
Absent: BLAU, GRADIN, HADFIELD, DEASON
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

APPROVAL OF March 11, 2021 minutes:

Motion by Ferencz support by Carleton to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Commissioner Comments addition per McDermott: FAAC 2019-2020 Report was submitted to the Farmington City Council and to the Farmington Hills City Council in February 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, HAWKINS, MCDERMOTT, PERKO
Nays: NONE
Absent: BLAU, GRADIN, HADFIELD, DEASON
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

ARTISTIC REFLECTION

Cindy Carleton shared her ticket purchase for Immersive Van Gogh. There are two shows coming to Detroit with presale tickets going fast.

Jeff Dutka is working with the city of Livonia to advocate for the preservation of the Alfred Noble Library. It is a mid-century modern building designed by Gunnar Birkerts.

Lindsay Hawkins shared an exhibition of work by Gail Borowski and Nancy Kozlowski is at KickstART Gallery by Koslowski and Borowski. In addition, KickstART has received a grant from the Foundation for Youth & Families to supply 30 totes of art supplies to 3 Elementary Schools. Five professional artists have volunteered to teach classes on different techniques as part of the program.

Lesa Ferencz is having a large portrait of her grandmother shipped from Mexico. Ted and Artpack Services are facilitating the complicated and stressful process.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Staff will move into The Hawk May 1st. Planning a soft launch in June. Camps are a priority.

Karla is leading the public art in the facility. Lesa and Ted are assisting with selection and placement. Jessica made a request for contacts for more art, specifically large scale sculpture.

Art on the Grand is moving forward with 65 artists. Down from 100, but more appropriate for reduced space due to construction on Grand River and Farmington.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Mural Project

Ferencz provided a summary of Farmington Hills Council Study session on signage and murals.

- Discussion on sign pollution
- City or state cannot dictate sign content per recent Supreme Court case
- Council is excited to discuss public art in the city. Requested a presentation from FAAC at study session scheduled for June 28

Bryan Farmer shared his excitement around public art and offered partnership with the Special Services staff on project. McDermott requested any legal research or parameters from both Farmington and Farmington Hills legal counsels for background research. Committee will provide update at May FAAC meeting.

Motion by Hawkins support by Perko to move forward with the process to develop a process for murals and present to both the Farmington and the Farmington Hills City Council in the month of June.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, HAWKINS, MCDERMOTT, PERKO
Nays: NONE
Absent: BLAU, GRADIN, HADFIELD, DEASON
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Documenting Public Art

Lindsay outlined process: Work with Special Services to send communications to community and a broader contact list to gather information on public art. At process will be needed to capture any new art on an on-going basis. Committee members include Hawkins, Gradin and Blau.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2021 PROJECTS

Threshold Project

No Update

Fairy Doors

KickstART is onboard. Waiting on direction.

Pedestal Project

On track for ribbon cutting ceremony, date TBD.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

FAAC 2019-2020 First Service Hours Report was submitted to the Farmington City Council and to the Farmington Hills City Council in February 2021.

More group discussion around mural ownership. Public art vs. private art.

Bryan informed the commission about the I-275 Trailhead and the entrance artwork created by Mollie McNeese. Ted Hadfield and Artpack Services are building the entrance sign. The design will be on the label of a custom beer "I-275 Trailhead" from the Farmington Brewery. Bryan is currently engaged introducing the concept to other communities. Completion is scheduled for June.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 13, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Ferencz Time: 8:03

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: CARLETON, FERENCZ, HAWKINS, MCDERMOTT, PERKO

Nays: NONE

Absent: BLAU, DUTKA, GRADIN, HADFIELD, DEASON

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Minutes drafted by: Cindy Carleton