

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
September 10, 2020 – 6:30 PM
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

CALLED TO ORDER BY: McDermott AT:6:36pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blau, Carleton, Deason, Dutka, Ferencz, Gradin, Hawkins, McDermott, Warner, Perko

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hadfield

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison; Jackie Boleware, FH City Council Liaison; Maria Taylor, Farmington City Council Liaison.

OTHERS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by McDermott support by Gradin, to approve the agenda as amended.

Amendments: Postpone reviewing of March meeting minutes to October. Add Welcoming of new commissioner Claire Perko

Carried: Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 2020

Motion by McDermott support by Gradin, to approve March minutes at October meeting.

Carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

WELCOMING NEW COMMISSIONER

All commissioners shared their experience serving on the Art Commission and welcomed Claire aboard.

ARTISTIC REFLECTION

Commissioner Blau continues to audit dance classes – keeping her groove. She also participated in the Artist in Action weekend events held downtown.

Commissioner Ferencz engage in stealth art by placing googly eyes around town. Fire hydrant outside of Sunflour Bakhaus is among the items adorned.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Summer camps went very well! No incidents, no virus, just happy campers. 524 kids enjoyed a camp experience. State Licensing Agent called the cities safety plan “Top of Class” and asked city representative to share their plan with others.

Youth Theater programing going virtual. Offering workshops for kids to gauge interest and functionality.

The HAWK is starting to transform. Construction was delayed because of Covid. Opening moved to March 2021. Cultural Arts/Maker Space will be hiring a part time manager and technician. Both positions will go through three months of training at Makerworks in Ann Arbor. The goal is to have the space available to use in late Spring/early

summer of 2021. Other new and open positions at The HAWK will start being filled in January. The theater areas will be receiving all new light and sound equipment.

Rachel will arrange a tour for the Commissioners in the near future.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – Hawk Tree Sculpture

Commissioners Dutka, Ferencz, and Hadfield reporting. Team met in August to look at the material pile and brainstorm the next steps. Commissioner Hadfield has submitted a sketch of the tree base utilizing the largest pieces of steel. Sculpture base will be poured before the ground freezes this year. Builder has confirmed that power will be accessible to the tree.

There is great energy around this project with all of the commissioners. Considering a work day for all to build features for the tree. Maker Space will be utilized to transform salvage material into design pieces. Expectation to *build* the tree Spring 2021. Ideas were flowing on ways to engage the community in the trees “seasonal” imagery.

Committee asked to examine purpose of Hawk Tree Sculpture.

Commissioner Perko will join this Tree Team.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS

Pedestal Project – We need to confirm what our original purpose was for the plaque.

Stay Creative – Commissioner Blau challenged us to connect teachers to our “stay creative” project. Rachel has a few 100 more postcards to distribute – see her at Costick Center if you need any.

Murals – Concerning the Tattoo business building a face lift is appropriate. Ultimately the denial for signage came from the Zoning board. There are volumes of rules and regulations about signage, a mural does not fit any of them. We know that murals are being painted throughout downtown Farmington. Those murals were part of the downtown master plan and spearheaded by Kate Knight.

Commission decided to visit an upcoming Farmington Hills council meeting at a later date with a proposal to address murals as something other than advertising (or signage). That murals are an artistic enhancement of our community that are endorsed by this commission. Joining this project will be commissioners Carleton, Perko and McDermott. Jackie Boleware, FH City Council Liaison, will sponsor the proposal with us.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Check out the Boo-tification Awards for Halloween decorations this year.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday 10/8/2020

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: McDermott

Time: 8:14PM

Minutes drafted by: Joy Gradin