

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
November 12 – 6:30 PM
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER BY: McDermott AT:6:37pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ferencz, Gradin, Hawkins, McDermott, Perko, Deason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blau, Carleton, Dutka, Hadfield

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison

Maria Taylor, Farmington City Council Liaison

Mark Boyd, citizen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by McDermott support by Ferencz, to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Add topic to Commission Focus Projects – The Mary Brooks Project

Carried: Unanimously

APPROVAL OF October 8th minutes:

Motion by Gradin support by Hawkins, to approve the meeting minutes as submitted.

Carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Boyd, visitor.

ARTISTIC REFLECTION

Maria Taylor shared - the artist who painted the Civic Theater Mural was commissioned to paint a street mural in Ann Arbor of a koi pond. Commissioner McDermott shared some amazing photos of Alvin Ailey dancers.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

There is a new exhibit at City Hall open now through January of a local artist's work - Cheryl Haithco.

Rachel has set up two times that commissioners can tour The Hawk in the week of 11/16.

Makers Space positions have been filled! Gary Marvicsin – Manager and Caroline–Del Giudice, Technician. They have started their three-month training in Ann Arbor.

Interviews are in process for Performing Arts Coordinator. Timlin stated that the caliber of candidate has been amazing, everyone has been extremely qualified and enthusiastic.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Art in Public Spaces project

Commissioner Hawkins is interested in documenting historical/legacy Art pieces that are a publicly displayed in our communities. A living archive of the Art in our public spaces, anything that is or was. Following the concepts and format used in Art in Detroit Public Places by Dennis Alan Nawrocki. She has asked Rachel if she can work with the City to send out a survey. Commissioner Hawkins was soliciting ideas on how to gather information on Art in public spaces from the commissioners and the City representatives.

Tree Project at The Hawk

Concrete pour has been postponed. Still hopeful to pour before the ground freezes. Using the time to reinforce the beam structure.

Mural Project

Smaller team of commissioners is still meeting on the Mural “language” to submit to the City Council for consideration.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS

Student Art Competition

Scheduling for this event is still on hold, realistically we are looking at a celebration of the arts to launch in 2022.

Pedestal Project

No update. Commissioner Hadfield is absent.

NEW – Mary Brooks Project

Farmington residents Ed & Hillary Mahon contacted Commissioner Ferencz to donate a large amount of painting by Mary Brooks. Mary was Hillary’s mother and had painted her whole life, almost every day. Mary was a private painter, she did not gift or display her Art. Mary passed away this year in her 90s. Ed and Hillary discovered their mother’s artwork and were both surprised and overwhelmed. Hillary said, “My mother never talked about her art or shared it with us.” The Mahon’s have gifted 118 pieces to the Cities of Farmington/Farmington Hills through the Art Commission. Lesa shared a handful of the pieces with us over Zoom. Now we need to consider how to archive, display, honor, this gift. Commissioner McDermott will write a thank you card to the Mahons.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

McDermott: “Don’t hesitate to express love and kindness.”

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday 1/14/2021

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: McDermott

Time: 7:48 PM

Minutes drafted by: Joy Gradin