

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
May 13, 2021  
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

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

Chair FERENCZ AT: 6:37

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cindy Carleton, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Jeff Dutka, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Lesa Ferencz, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Celeste McDermott, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Claire Perko, Farmington, Michigan  
Ted Hadfield, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Sean Deason, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Lindsay Janoch, Farmington Hills, Michigan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheryl Blau, Farmington, Michigan  
Joy Gradin, Farmington Hills, Michigan

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by FERENCZ support by CARLETON, to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: remove Threshold Art Project from Commission Focused 2021 Projects

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF April 8, 2021minutes:**

Motion by FERENCZ support by CARLETON to approve the minutes with amendments.

Amendments: Minutes clarification per McDermott: FAAC 2019-2020 First Service Hours Report was submitted to the Farmington City Council and to the Farmington Hills City Council in February 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

## **ARTISTIC REFLECTION**

Ted has been working daily on the Hills 275 trail gate. Unexpected rise in the cost of materials is proving challenging to remain on budget. Very exciting project.

## **CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

### **Hawk Updates**

- Legacy Committee has donated to the Tree Sculpture project
- Save the date for the June 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 Ribbon Cutting. The Hawk will be open to the public on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Art will be up in the main areas, and we will continue to add art after attention to building use and traffic patterns.
- Mary Brooks art – looking into displaying it under 4'x 4' plexi panels with wood frames. Private contributions to cover the costs are a possibility per Lesa.
- Theater lights going in and everything is coming together.
- Suggestion by Jackie Boleware, to use the many video screens throughout the facility to highlight the Arts Commission members as well as artists e.g. poets dance, music.
- Community has questions about the membership structure for the Hawk. Membership is for the fitness center, gym and pool. Community will not need to pay for a membership to take classes or participate in programming. Multiple types of memberships are available for use of the fitness center, pool, gym and soon-to-be Makerspace.
- Arts Commission will revisit the permanent gallery commitment and plans after the opening.
- Art on the Grand- full speed ahead. 65 artists vs 100 in prior years. Artists have agreed to participate with the assurance of Covid safety planning, additional space between booths and pre-event communications will all be used to honor the commitment.
- Rachel has been asked to participate in discussions on a 2023-2024 Public Works project to design a creative welcome to Farmington Hills on the I696 Orchard Lake Overpass. Oak Park's welcome art was used as an example. Lesa and Ted will attend as well.

## **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Mural Project**

Cindy shared outline of the work completed and planned presentation.

- Research on other municipalities who have privately funded and sponsored mural programs and policies
- Legal case considerations
- Mural definition
- Process
- Guidelines

Freedom of Speech law prohibits any regulation of content, outside of ordinances regulating hate speech, profanity, etc. Commission discussion on where political content falls. Committee will seek advice from the cities' legal counsel.

Committee to present at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Farmington Hills study session. Claire to contact Dave Murphy to advise on appropriate communication within Farmington.

### **Documenting Public Art Report**

No update

## **COMMISSION FOCUSED 2021 PROJECTS**

### **Fairy Door Project Discussion**

No update

### **Pedestal Project**

- 2 Standard Pedestals done
- 2 Podium Style Pedestals will be ready when needed

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Ted asked about plans to create a bar from the organ left at the Hawk. Future project.

**LIAISONS' COMMENTS**

Jackie Boleware added additional emphasis on the use of the Hawk video screens to support the arts in our community.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

June 10, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: FERENCZ Time: 8:46

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Minutes drafted by: CARLETON