

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)  
OCTOBER 8, 2020 – 6:30 PM  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD

Zoom Webinar Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86286163255>

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** McDermott AT:6:35pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Blau, Carleton, Dutka, Ferencz, Gradin, Hawkins, McDermott, Perko, Hadfield

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deason

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

Amendments: Postpone reporting on Commission Focused 2020 Projects to November

Carried: Unanimously

**APPROVAL OF March 12 minutes:**

Motion by Carleton support by Ferencz, to approve the meeting minutes as submitted.

Carried: Unanimously

**APPROVAL OF September 10 minutes:**

Motion by McDermott support by Carleton, to approve the meeting minutes with amendments.

Amendments: In the Public Art section 1) The commission agrees to visit City Council on the Mural issue, but not the next scheduled meeting and 2) The commission will examine purpose and community involvement with the Tree sculpture.

Carried: Unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments

**ARTISTIC REFLECTION**

Commissioner Blau worked artistic endeavors, visual and written, into her students' activities. Sharing a slide show at the end of the meeting. Commissioner Ferencz traveled to Mexico and work on restoring Mayan inspired artwork on her Mom's Garden/Ocean Wall. Commissioner Hawkins helped opened a new exhibit at The KickstART Gallery with Steve Rubin and shared the Strings Club. Council member Taylor participated in the POE Night at the Civic Theater, reading The Raven. Commissioner Carleton put the Van Gogh immersion exhibit Lumen on our calendars, it's coming to Indianapolis. Commissioner Perko has created the Grand Raven displays in the Dress barn windows. Commissioner

Gradin has enjoyed live music on the west side of the State. Commissioner Hadfield will forward onto the commission news of events in the city and state that come to his attention at Art Pack.

### **CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

There are still a few in-person classes running at the Stables Art Studio.

Farmington Hills Youth Theater's online production has started.

Art on the Grand is accepting applications for artists.

Star in the Park concerts are being scheduled for the 2021 season.

The HAWK is starting to transform. Move in is slated for March. Programs will start with short, 1 and 2-day workshops; full 6 to 8-week programs will start in September 2021. Camps are being conceived with a "covid" standard in mind for next year. Commissioners are all on board for a daytime tour of the Hawk, Rachel will send out some dates for us.

### **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – Hawk Tree Sculpture**

Commissioners Dutka, Ferencz, and Hadfield reporting.

Great praise and appreciation for City Park employee Elsie Price. She has been an active creative and technical support person to the Tree Team. Sculpture base should be poured in the next three weeks.

Discussion focused on the purpose/intent of the sculpture as Art vs platform for community involvement. The commission unanimously agreed that this piece will be an art installation in reverence to the history of Harrison High School, its students and its spirit.

### **PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT – Mural Project**

Commissioners Carleton, McDermott, Perko reporting.

Traverse City has shared their guiding principle for public art for the Mural Team to review; good content for us to reflect on and build guidelines for our cities. Discussion focused on our roll as the Art Commission, "Is it our roll to be the public/community voice for this issue?" Again, the commission unanimously agreed. We have been appointed by the major to serve as representative for our cities. We are within our governance to provide guidelines for public art display, including murals. City Council member Boleware will meet with the City attorney to better understand the signage rules and regulations.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Thursday 11/12/2020**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: McDermott

Time: 8:30PM

Minutes drafted by: Joy Gradin