

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: October 14, 2021 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: THE HAWK, BLACKBOX THEATRE
29995 TWELVE MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Lesa Ferencz AT: 6:35 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Blau, Farmington, MI
Jeff Dutka, Farmington Hills, MI
Lesa Ferencz, Farmington Hills, MI
Lindsay Janoch, Farmington Hills, MI
Celeste McDermott, Farmington Hills, MI
Claire Perko, Farmington, MI

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Carleton, Sean Deason, Joy Gradin, Ted Hadfield

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by FERENCZ support by JANOCH to approve the agenda as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, DUTKA, FERENCZ, JANOCH, McDERMOTT, PERKO

Nays: NONE

Absent: CARLETON, DEASON, GRADIN, HADFIELD

Abstentions: NONE

Motion Carried: 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from: September 9, 2021

Motion by FERENCZ support by McDERMOTT to approve minutes as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, DUTKA, FERENCZ, JANOCH, McDERMOTT, PERKO

Nays: NONE

Absent: CARLETON, DEASON, GRADIN, HADFIELD

Abstentions: NONE

Motion Carried: 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT: Given by Rachel Timlin

EXHIBITS

Public Art Program: 75 people applied for the Public Art Program. Selections will be made next week.

November 15 & 16 Artwork from the 2019-2021 cycle will be picked up by artists.

December 9 & 10, NEW accepted artwork for the 2022-2023 cycle will be delivered.

January 14, 2022, 7-9 pm - Art Opening Reception

Michigan Makers Market at The Hawk THIS SATURDAY! 10 am – 4 pm. We accepted 58 artists and had many more requests to participate after our application deadline.

Tour of the Makerspace during the Makers Market.

BLACKBOX, LESSON STUDIO, PERFORMANCE STUDIO

PERFORMING ARTS

Over 200 kids participating in youth theatre this season! Descendants Jr. and Mamma Mia.

Descendants Jr performs Nov 18-21, Mamma Mia December 2-5. Tickets on sale now.

Dance program at The Hawk is growing. New ballet teacher Lisa Stackpoole has worked with Ballet Renaissance (The company that was housed inside the Detroit Opera House). She brings a wealth of knowledge and is great with the littles.

Concert Series: Both Stars in the Park and our regular concert series scheduled. Great line up of acts!

VISUAL ARTS

- Still building awareness and momentum for new classes at the Hawk.
- This first session of the Fall Term:
 - **16 classes are running**
 - 9 workshops are running.
 - **157 registrations**
 - We are learning that one-day workshops are becoming more popular!

Makerspace

- More and more equipment up and running.
 - Expecting to have ShopBot demonstrating at the Makers Market.
 - Giving tours during the event and drawing attention to the classes starting in January.
 - More classes to be added!
 - In addition to continuing to use the in-house equipment to further build out the space, the makerspace staff has also begun fabricating necessary furniture for the ceramics studio.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Mural Committee shared Mural Project developments including City of FH Planning Commission definitions of “mural” vs “sign” and rules that currently restrict murals in FH. Discussed possibility of Arts Commission partnering somehow with City Planning Commissions in both cities to further define “mural” vs “sign” criteria as well as potential collaboration in determining which murals get approved.

COMMISSION FOCUSED PROJECTS

Farmington City Hall Art: Farmington City Council Liaison Maria Taylor reports that the Farmington City Council is eager to have new art displayed at City Hall; all City Manager Dave Murphy needs is for us to bring him the art and he will arrange to have it hung. Cheryl will measure the spaces with Kevin Christiansen next week and will bring both these

measurements and photos of these spaces to our November meeting. Rachel will bring the binder of Public Art artist entries for FH City Hall to our November meeting.

Grand River Corridor Vacant Storefront Art: Lindsay will ask Kickstart about their potential involvement in this project either with some initial funding for a specific project or by writing grants for additional seed money for this initiative. Maria suggests we ask the Grand River Corridor Improvement Project Committee for funding for one initial project. DDA may be able to assist, as well. Vacant building owners may be willing to contribute funds, as well. Next steps: Cheryl to take photos of RadioShack building so that we can brainstorm ideas together at next month's Arts Commission meeting and hatch a tentative plan that we can then present to its building owner, DDA, Grand River Corridor Improvement Project Committee, and Kickstart.

Hawk Tree Update: Despite delays caused by COVID and other technical difficulties, we hope to complete this project by spring.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Claire Perko: Grand Raven Festival and 3 related art installations in downtown Farmington this month.

Lindsay Janoch: Kickstart Gallery received a grant to take photographs of Farmington residents and chronicle their stories. Kickstart is currently filled with works of art created by various artists around the theme of "Emerging from COVID".

LIAISON'S COMMENTS

Farmington City Council member Maria Taylor shared her comments during our discussion of Farmington City Hall Art and Grand River Corridor Vacant Storefront Art earlier in this meeting (see notes directly above).

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 11, 2021 from 6:30-8:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Ajourned by: FERENCZ

Time: 8:17 pm

Minutes drafted by: Cheryl Blau