

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
MARCH 14, 2024 -6:30 PM  
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
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**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Perko AT: 6:40 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Claire Perko, Donald Fritz, Cheryl Blau, Celeste McDermott, Bree Schwartz, Nora Mason

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ted Hadfield, Lindsay Janoch, Jeff Dutka, Lesa Ferencz, Cindy Carleton, Sean Deason,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison, Johnna Balk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

Amendments: remove items from commissioner focused comments

MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2024 MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Fritz, support by Commissioner McDermott to approve the agenda without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

Camp enrollment is already over 3500 a many camps sold out.

Art on the Grand artists confirmed and website updated. Classes and events are all going well.

Nora Mason asked about starting a Baby Comfort Station at Art on the Grand.

**FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT**

Claire: Heart the Art was successful in February, everyone said it was fun and a discussion about art downtown was productive. The art swing is very cool and going in the Masonic park, possibly. Goals for the upcoming year was discussed.

Kickstart opened end of February. Claire is doing a talk at Kickstart about networking on March 20th at 7pm.

Farmington film festival is at different locations, check their website, some at the Riviera and Civic. You can get a wristband for all shows, and the kids ones are free on weekend of March 22nd-23rd. Bicentennial for Farmington, lots of things going on for the bicentennial.

Farmington Public art reception Thursday, March 21st 7pm-9pm. Commissioner Balk will introduce the artists at 7:30pm.

**Art awards**

Voting tonight after the meeting..

**Bench update**

The wood was tagged in Bree’s shop for pickup for use in making a bench.

**ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET**

Commissioner Balk confirmed that the city of Farmington contributes a percentage of the arts commission budget.

Motion by Commissioner McDermott, support by Commissioner Fritz to use up to \$400 of commission budget to purchase refreshments for the inuagural Farmington Public Art Program reception.

MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0

**COMMISSION FOCUSED 2024-2025 PROJECTS REVIEW**

**Art Awards**

None

**Little Art Library update**

At Bree’s warehouse, with siding and paint and a plaque with an Instagram tag is made and ready for approval from the art committee. The Free Little Art Gallery will live at Skep Space as they own it. We will have an “unveiling” during one of Skep Space’s First Fridays.

**Tree Sculpture/Bench update**

Bree has the wood (for the benches) tagged and ready for Ted to pick up.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cultural Arts Musical Composition**

Commissioner Sean Deason and Commissioner Fritz met with Daemon Crutcher, director of the community concert band, on what style, structure, content, motif, and approach of music they will be commissioning for the band’s 60th anniversary and the city’s bicentennial, and the cultural arts division anniversary (25th). A “Detroit sound” was discussed and how they could touch on each decade in the concert. They set up a timeline for a score to be ready by November so they can perform by spring of 2025. Performances throughout the summer and next December. They are still working on a budget to get the composition and printed score, looking for grants and any funding that’s available around.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

Commissioner McDermott reports that the DIA documentary shorts were good and The Last Repair Shop was really good! She also commented on how great it is to have Kickstart open again. Charles McGee- famous artist featured in Claire’s child’s school (STEAM), was fascinating to find and discover at the DIA. Christian Robinson was another great artist she learned about for Black History Month. Commissioner Schwartz re-wrote the arts smarts program for her child’s school (Longacre). Commissioner Mason shared her progress with middle school students here at the Makerspace on making an interactive gear wall for the Hawk.

**LIAISON COMMENTS**

none

**NEXT MEETING DATE: April 11, 2024**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: Chair Perko      Time: 7:56pm

Minutes drafted by: Nora Mason