

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
JUNE 9, 2022- 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Ferencz AT: 6:34 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lesa Ferencz, Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Sean Deason, Ted Hadfield, Cindy Carleton, Claire Perko, Jeff Dutka, Nora Mason, Donald Fritz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheryl Blau

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison
Jackie Boleware, Farmington Hills City Council Liaison
Tammy Luty of the F/FH Commission on Children, Youth & Families

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by: Chair Ferencz support by: Commissioner Perko to approve the agenda with no amendments.

MOTION CARRIED: 10-0

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER May 12, 2022 MINUTES:

Motion by: Chair Ferencz support by: Commissioner Carleton to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: *Remove Joy Gradin from MEMBERS ABSENT*

MOTION CARRIED: 10-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tammy Luty presented a program about The Kindness Rock Project and asked the Arts Commission if they would be interested in partnering on this project with the F/FH Commission on Children, Youth & Families. Chair Ferencz invited Commissioner Luty to return for our next fall committee meeting to discuss further. Commissioner Perko offered to be a contact for the project and connect the project with a local nonprofit.

New Commissioners, Nora Mason and Donald Fritz, were introduced to the other commission members.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Kickoff 2 Summer coming June 16 to the Hawk from 4-8 PM with a dedication around 6 PM. DIA will have liaisons to give tours of the pieces. Stars in the Park also begins June 16 at Heritage Park. Cultural Arts received a grant from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families for their Rock Around the Hawk program. Makerspace Open House is August 13. Planning for Festival of the Arts will begin this fall with small focus groups. Timeline for return is 2023 but exact timing and programming plans are still under discussion. Commissioner Carleton discussed whether arts awards should be held off another year or happen prior to the festival return. Summer Camps begin June 20. CARTS expressed their gratitude for the commission's vote last month to approve the use of commission funds to help complete the Hawk tree sculpture. Youth Theatre had a very successful year. Kids Art Alley had \$10,000 in sales among

27 youth artists. Thanks to all who participated in Art on the Grand. Lots of positive feedback from the artists: great sales, proper size, friendliness of our community, quality of offerings. 2022/2023 will be our benchmark year and the Arts Commission is asked to help spread the word about the programs and events coming next year to their personal networks. A request will be coming for commissioners to consider volunteering to support concerts and special events.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Will remain on agenda for September.

Councilwoman Balk requested information about John Martin's mural on CVS to aid in a walking tour she is leading this summer.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2021-2022 PROJECTS

Potential Farmington City Hall Art

Chair Ferencz offered a brief explanation to new commissioner members and shared that Commissioner Blau has been following up but has been unable to connect with the city manager yet.

Vacant Grand River Storefront Art

Commissioner Carleton stated that we need to determine if this is a goal/vision of the city in order to determine whether or not it should stay on the agenda and remain a commission-focused project. Chair Ferencz requested that Councilwoman Balk discuss this with the city of Farmington. Councilwoman Boleware said she would do likewise with the city of Farmington Hills.

Tree Sculpture Update

Commissioner Hadfield offered a brief review of the project for new commissioners. One company will be working on this project and it is moving forward. It was suggested that a time lapse of the installation would be a good way to document the process.

Mary Brooks Exhibit

Chair Ferencz shared that this will remain on the agenda for the fall with consideration of the best way to exhibit and preserve the art.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Janoch shared information about a youth jazz program coming to the Hawk this June. She also shared that former commissioner, Susan Warner, will be offering a collage workshop at KickstART on June 18.

-Commissioner Hadfield shared that Jef Bourgeau's exhibit is up at KickstART and there is an artist reception scheduled for June 16.

-Commissioner Fritz inquired about spaces for music instruction.

-Commissioner Perko shared that Wed Lunch Beats and Fri Music in Riley Park start this week. There are five DIA inside-out pieces in downtown Farmington.

-Commissioner Carleton shared that she will be attending Immersive Van Gogh.

LIAISON COMMENTS

-Councilwoman Boleware shared that the preliminary Arts Commission budget from the city of Farmington Hills has been increased to \$2500. Additional funds will be reserved for all commissions to seek for larger projects through an application process. This budget will come before council for a formal vote on Monday.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 8, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Ferencz Time: 8:13 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch