

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024 -6:30 PM  
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
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**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Perko                      AT: 6:38 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Claire Perko, Lindsay Janoch, Jeff Dutka, Sean Deason, Donald Fritz, Cindy Carleton, Lesa Ferencz, Cheryl Blau

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ted Hadfield, Bree Schwartz, Celeste McDermott, Nora Mason,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison  
Theresa Rich, Mayor of Farmington Hills  
Jackie Boleware, Farmington Hills City Council

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Commissioner Fritz support by Commissioner Dutka                      to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Remove Art Library from this month’s agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 8:0:0

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2024 MINUTES:**

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

MOTION CARRIED 8:0:0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Rich thanked the commission for their time and commitment. She shared her desire to increase public art funding and convene a symposium on mental wellness, exploring its connection to the arts. She attended the City Hall Public Art Opening. She encouraged married couples to join the “I Do Still” event coming up 2/14. The City will be hosting an NFL draft event in March. She shared a poem by Cleveland’s Poet-in-Residence about municipal arts.

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: CHAIR, CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY**

Nominations for Chairperson: Commissioners Perko, McDermott, and Ferencz

Elected: Chair Perko

Nominations for Vice-Chairperson: Commissioners Carleton, Dutka, Ferencz, Janoch

Elected: Commissioner Ferencz

Nominations for Secretary: Commissioners Janoch and Carleton

Elected: Commissioner Janoch

**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

Rachel Timlin thanked all that attended the Public Art Reception at City Hall. Literary Arts Opportunity was officially launched at the reception. Margo Dupre was selected as the public choice winner and will have a solo exhibit. Budget for next year is underway. Design from Commissioner Hadfield for Scripture tree lighting and additions will be moving forward. Quotes are needed and then funds can be allocated from commission funds.

## **FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT**

Heart the Art is coming 2/10/24 from 7-10 PM at GLP. New swing will be installed and new design for masonic lodge corner. SKEP space is open. KickstART will be re-opening soon. Farmington City Hall Artist Reception is scheduled for 3/21/24.

## **ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET**

Commissioner Ferencz shared that the city of Farmington has been contributing to the Arts Commission budget through a percentage system. She would like this topic to be an item of discussion at next month's meeting.

## **COMMISSION FOCUSED 2024-2025 PROJECTS REVIEW**

### **Art Awards**

Art Awards nominations, with a few new additions, for the upcoming year will be due in March.

### **Tree Sculpture/Bench update**

Commissioner Dutka shared that barn beams will be picked up tomorrow.

### **Mary Brooks Exhibit**

Commissioner Ferencz has nothing new to report.

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

Commissioner Fritz shared that Commissioner Deason has been identified as a possible composer.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Ferencz thanked all for attending the holiday party.

Commissioner Janoch shared info about KickstART's gallery opening.

Commissioner Carleton reiterated that she would like to invite Vickie Sullen-Winn to an upcoming Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Carleton had lunch with Amanda Prince of Fun in Farmington. She shared that she had previously worked to put together a forest bathing program and would like to try to develop that program further. She is also interested in studies linking music therapy and Alzheimer's disease.

## **LIAISON COMMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: March 14, 2024**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: Chair Perko      Time: 8:17 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch