APPROVED

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: September 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Commissioner Janoch, seconded by Commissioner Perko AT: TIME 6:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsay Janoch, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Bree Schwartz, Lesa Ferencz, Don Fritz, Nora Mason, Sean Deason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Celeste McDermott, Cindy Carleton, Craig Nowak, Cheryl Blau, Jeff Dutka,

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Commissioner Hadfield supported by Commissioner Ferencz to approve the agenda without amendments:

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-0

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2026 MINUTES
Motion by Commissioner Janoch supported by Commissioner Mason to approve the minutes without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS
none

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: PUBLIC ART REQUIREMENT ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION
Kirsten Mellem from Planning and Community Development joined to present and discuss the City's Public Art Requirements procedures and with the Commission. The role of the Commission in the process of approving public art was discussed in relation to the new ordinances going into effect.

- Commission to review the matrix; provide comments.
- Commission to create a list of artists and artist guilds for developers to reference.
- Commission to review the application and add comments for anything lacking.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Cultural Arts Summer Camps 2026

- 67 individual camp sessions (last year we had 60)
- 52 of 67 sessions (77.6%) were at least 90% full
- 38 sessions were at or above 100% full
- 1,170 enrolled (last year we had 1,002 – up 168 this year)
- 1,291 total available spots (last year we had 1,190 spots)
- 90.6% overall capacity (last year it was 84% capacity)

- 238 waitlisted registrations for most popular camps (last year: 232)

Concerts: The season kicks off next week with the DSO: SOLD OUT
Youth Theatre: 94 kids cast in Elf Jr.
Reminder that we will only be offering one full Broadway production this year – Into the Woods.
Makerspace Open House and 4th Anniversary this Saturday from 11 am-3 pm.
MICHIGAN MAKERS MARKET – OCTOBER 17. Please reach out to Karla Aren if you are able to volunteer.

FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT
Riley park sculptures will be rotated in with new art.
Grand Raven festival is happening with festivities throughout October.

ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET
The approved budget for the Arts Commission is $5,000.
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS AWARDS
Art Awards Friday, October 2. All award winners, commissioners and presenters will gather in the blackbox at 6:30, before the 7 pm ceremony. Reception with food/drinks, etc. will take place after the Awards Ceremony.
Chair of the Commission to award AIR this year, since this is our 50th anniversary of the Commission awarding the AIR.
Commissioners Mason and Ferencz will not be in attendance. Commissioners Schwartz, Janoch, Hadfield, Deason, Perko and Fritz will be available to present awards.

SPECIAL PROJECT: MARY BROOKS BOOK
Mary Brooks art retrospective book was finished and reviewed. It was beautifully photographed and a plan for distribution was discussed for the remaining copies.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Hadfield spoke with an associate at the Zekelman Holocaust Museum about a sculpture that could be used differently somewhere in the city, with the Commission's help, as a possible collaboration.

The commission will collaborate on supporting the arts as a group throughout the year as citizens.

LIAISON COMMENTS
The passing of Commissioner Cindy Carleton was yesterday so the commission took time to share their memories of her. She served from 2009-2026. She was a committed artist and advocate for our community and she will be greatly missed by all.

NEXT MEETING DATE:
October 8th, 2026
Location in City Hall

ADJOURNMENT
Adjourned by: Commissioner Janoch Time 8:11 pm

Minutes drafted by: Commissioner Nora Mason