

- Cultural Arts staffing has increased to 3 full time and 11 part time employees and numerous teachers. Lindsay Janoch is a new cultural arts programmer.
- Performing Arts team is working on the 2022-2023 concert season with a March deadline while maintaining current program offerings.
- New part-time Theater Manager position was approved and theater tech Rio Salazar has been promoted to this position.
- Thank you to Chair Ferencz, Councilwoman Boleware and Commissioner Dutka for their help in creating a video for the Makerspace. Makerspace promo is underway and the space is expected to open in May.
- A sign-up genius will be going out to arts commissioners with opportunities to volunteer and participate.
- Mainstage and Blackbox concerts and events have been successful to date including Ehnes Quartet, Farmington Community Chorus and Audra Kubat.
- Kids programming participation is thriving. Youth Theater attendance for Mamma Mia and Descendants is doing well, with record ticket sales for Descendants.
- Public Art program has a new exhibit in city hall with an upcoming March 4 reception representing 60 artists.
- Booths have been juried for Art on the Grand and 86 booths representing 100 artists will be included, with a return of Kids Art Alley.
- Upcoming concerts include Blackthorn, Farmington Community Band, Captain Fantastic. Upcoming youth theater performances include Mary Poppins and The Lion King.
- Commissioner Hadfield inquired about the status of planned 3rd floor gallery space. Commissioners expressed a desire to write letters of support regarding this initiative.
- Commissioner Hadfield provided an update on the tree sculpture planned for the grounds.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilwoman Boleware shared that there is potential interest from the FH economic development department regarding the presentation previously put together. Councilwoman Boleware intends to seek a status update from the Farmington Hills City Council at her next meeting.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2021-2022 PROJECTS

Potential Farmington City Hall Art

Commissioner Blau reported that the planned November 2021 Committee Meeting was postponed. Chair Ferencz will reschedule this meeting. Cultural Arts Supervisor Timlin will put together a digital collection to aid in decision making. Commissioner Hadfield would like to propose an idea to Farmington City Council regarding the reconfiguration of their gallery space. Councilwoman Balk will inquire about this process.

Potential Vacant Grand River Storefront Art

Councilwoman Balk mentioned that similar discussions are happening within Farmington City council. Conversation will continue when Commissioner Perko returns.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Hadfield mentioned that Artpack is sponsoring KickstART for the 2022 season and many new exhibitions are planned.
- Commissioner Blau stated that new student art is on display at the Maxfield Training Center. Also, FAAPN tutoring sessions are occurring on Saturdays and commissioners are invited to participate. Also, Commissioner Blau reported that she presented a small painting to Councilwoman Maria Taylor at a Farmington City Council meeting as a thank you for her service to the commission.
- Vice-Chair McDermott spoke about the new artwork installation on Belle Isle.
- Commissioner Janoch reported that Artpack had completed some renovation work at KickstART to create separate gallery and shop spaces.

LIASON COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Boleware requested that she be informed of upcoming special events at The Hawk to share with city council. Also, city council is considering reconfiguring the Orchard Lake/14 Mile corridor to add outdoor

seating, art, and a space for community gatherings. Also, the city is considering making Juneteenth a city holiday; and, programming support for this initiative from cultural arts would be a welcome addition.

- Councilwoman Balk mentioned Farmington's February event, Heart the Art and Cocoa Crawl.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 10, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Ferencz

Time: 8:15

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch