

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 2021
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING

THE ARTS COMMISSION WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND CALLED TO ORDER BY:

Chair: FERENCZ AT: 6:37

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Blau, Farmington, Michigan
Cindy Carleton, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Jeff Dutka, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Lesa Ferencz, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Joy Gradin, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Celeste McDermott, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Claire Perko, Farmington, Michigan
Ted Hadfield, Farmington Hills, Michigan
Sean Deason, Farmington Hills, Michigan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsay Janoch

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Maria Taylor, Farmington City Council Liaison.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by FERENCZ support by CARLETON, to approve the agenda with amendments.

1. Amendments: Addition of Documenting Public Art Report as a Commission Focused 2021 Project
2. COMMISSION FOCUSED PROJECTS 2020 date amendment to 2021
3. Fair Door Project discussion corrected to Fairy Door Project Discussion
4. Addition of LIAISON’S COMMENTS as a permanent agenda item to follow COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD,
DEASON
Nays: NONE
Absent: JANOCH
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

APPROVAL OF May 13, 2021 minutes:

Motion by FERENCZ support by CARLETON to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: COMMISSION FOCUSED PROJECTS 2020 Date correction o to 2021

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BLAU, CARLETON, DUTKA, FERENCZ, GRADIN, MCDERMOTT, PERKO, HADFIELD,
DEASON
Nays: NONE
Absent: JANOCH
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ARTISTIC REFLECTION

- BLAU- Students performed an original play at the Civic. Donations raised \$500 for Water for South Sudan. Warnerettes have new leadership and are experiencing a growth in members and renewed invigoration.
- DUTKA- Brother-in-law graduated from CCS and got job at Ping Golf
- PERKO- Introduced “Tactical or incremental Urbanism” concept. Method of trying ideas in small tactics and see the response before embarking on large scale projects. She and her daughters created a pocket park and laid out polka dots in a couple parking places in front of Sips.
- GRADIN- Fulfilling experience volunteering at Art on the Grand.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Art on the Grand

- Huge success. Artists saw huge number of sales. One group shared that they sold more by noon (2 hours) on Saturday than they ever had at any Art on the Grand.
- Number of booths down from 100 to 64 but received comments that it seemed larger with renewed appreciation for the arts and the artists.
- Zero incidents regarding safety/Covid protocols. Public very respectful of artists who asks for masks to be worn in their booth.
- Rachel has many thanks for her team, volunteers, the greater Special Services team, and Farmington DDA

Stars on the Park starts next week with entire line-up from last year booked.

Camps start next week. Limit of 12 children per camp.

Ted and Rachel will meet to discuss installation of Albert Young sculpture at the Hawk. Pedestal needs to be created. Funding to be discussed.

Hawk Ribbon-cutting

- Huge success
- Rachel expressed immense thanks to the many people who work tirelessly and not acknowledged at the opening. Commissioners who attended all shared their fantastic experience and excitement for the potential for the community and the arts. Rachel requested anyone willing to share their thanks and experience, to do so in a video that she will then share with all of the hard-working individuals who made it happen.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Mural Committee

- No new information. Committee is putting research and recommendation into a format for presentation at the “Public Art/Signs” study session scheduled for July 12, 6pm. This may be in person. Presentation will be sent to Rachel Timlin and Brian Farmer prior to the session.
- Claire is working with Kate Knight of the Farmington DDA to create an informational document as a first step for presentation to the City of Farmington.
- Cindy encouraged Commissioners to attend Councilman Strickfaden’s presentation on his concept of a *Future Vision of FH* on June 14, 6pm, City Council Study Session. He will be presenting ideas for public art on buildings, sculptures and a vision for the 12 Mile corridor commercial district.

- Mural discussion led to consideration of support for the Grand River area and the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority. Murals, painting vacant buildings and creating artwork in the vacant storefront windows were all discussed. Concerns on funding, ownership and scope of project all to be considered. Committee formed to explore the opportunity. Members include Perko, Gradin, Blau and Council Liaison Taylor.

Documenting Public Art

First meeting scheduled for June 21.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2021 PROJECTS

Fairy Door Project

- Commission will support under the Stay Creative campaign if another community group chooses to participate. Commission consensus to remove from standing agenda

Pedestal Project

- Ready to go when Rachel is ready for delivery to the Hawk
- Commission consensus to now remove project from the standing agenda

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Celeste attended the Farmington and Farmington Hills joint session to discuss broadband in our cities. Wonderful observations of working together to make a difference and immense civic pride.

Cheryl shared that the new schoolboard members get along and are respectful of differing views.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

September 9, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: FERENCZ

Time: 8:27

Minutes drafted by: CARLETON