

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
OCTOBER 9 2025 - 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
LESSON STUDIO ROOM
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Commissioner Dutka AT: 6:37 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Deason, Jeff Dutka, Don Fritz, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Celeste McDermott, Nora Mason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lesa Ferencz, Cindy Carleton, Lindsay Janoch, Craig Nowak, Cheryl Blau, Bree Schwartz

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Koeppe, Cultural Arts Coordinator/Staff Liaison
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 MINUTES:

Motion by Chair McDermott, support by Commissioner Perko to approve the minutes without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

UPDATE ON BUSINESS PUBLIC ART PROGRAM BY CHARMAINE KETTLER-SCHMULDT, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Charmaine was unable to attend. Arts commissioners reviewed the printouts and discussed ideas and concerns about the public art program. The discussion centered on new developments requiring public art installations. Maintenance costs were identified as a significant concern about public art installations. Questions were asked about having an Arts Commission representative on the decision-making board.

FARMINGTON ART REPORT

- Johnna Balk elected Chair of the Art Committee for the DDA
- October 19th artist drop-off at Farmington City Hall Public Art (42 pieces of artwork). Commissioners were invited to help with the installation.
- Harvest Moon was a successful and lucrative event. Some funds will be going to public art with more projects in the art promenade (benches/easels).
- Grand Raven event this month. Brass Band Strut is growing by the year and Victorian walks (Poe readings) are scheduled this year.
- Kickstart show “Omens” opens soon.
- New winery grand opening is happening
- Still time to make tiles at Fired and Fused (\$50/tile)

Motion by Chair McDermott, supported by Commissioner Perko, to support the Fired and Fused tile initiative for the Downtown Farmington Art Promenade and join together as a commission to make a panel using \$800 from the commission budget.

MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT:

Sam Koeppe:

- Art Awards was a huge success! Staff and attendees loved it – biggest and best yet.
- Sam commended Eli and Joy for their wonderful job hosting.
- DSO Concert in September was sold out
- Concert season officially starting
- Bingo event coming up
- Michigan Makers Market is on October 18 – expecting thousands of attendees
- Chamber soloists of Detroit October 19, 2 pm
- Camps expanding (more visual arts and makerspace camps due to demand)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Celeste – Suggested that we formally present our questions regarding the study session at the next council meeting so they are officially on the record. Asking for time at our next meeting to discuss next steps.

Don – Would like to address the stains on the bricks by the theater entrance. The idea of painting a mural over the stain does not make great sense. It would need to be big and would detract from the sculptures. What can be done? In the spring, Don suggested we form a committee to come up with a solution. Ted suggested we paint the bricks (each brick). Don suggested we as commissioners do the work. Add to January agenda.

Celeste inquired about an Arts Commission holiday gathering

LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 13, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Vice Chair Dutka time: 7:55 PM

Minutes drafted by: Dutka