

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
MAY 8, 2025 - 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
LESSON STUDIO ROOM
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Ferencz AT: 6:36 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Sean Deason, Don Fritz, Lesa Ferencz, Ted Hadfield, Craig Nowak, Cheryl Blau, Bree Schwartz, Nora Mason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Claire Perko, Jeff Dutka, Cindy Carleton

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2025 MINUTES:

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

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Current Artist-in-Residence Debbie Lim has an exhibit on display at The Hawk. Bosch Community Foundation is giving another 50,000 grant for the Makerspace support. There are two new part-time theatre managers. Art on the Grand is coming up and volunteers are needed. The Commission's report to City Council was well-received and the Commission has been asked to present this report at the next Parks and Rec Commission meeting on May 13. Rachel Timlin shared her thanks for Lindsay Janoch's work as a staff member with the Cultural Arts Division. Summer camps are filling well.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hadfield attended the Ehnes Quartet concert this week and shared that it was a beautiful concert.

Commissioner Mason shared that she also attended the Ehnes Quartet concert and was moved to tears.

Commissioner Schwartz shared that she would like information about ushering in the coming season.

Commissioner Fritz inquired about white spots on the walls near the sculptures.

Commissioner Blau shared that Farmington Public Schools have been doing some innovative programming in the district to help the teachers with creative teaching/learning styles. A showcase is coming up May 28 from 4:15-6:30 PM at the Jewish Community Center.

Commissioner Schwartz gave accolades to Commissioner Nowak for his work that is currently on exhibition at KickstART Farmington. She also shared concerns about lead in dishes and encouraged Commissioners to check their items at home.

Commissioners shared congratulations to the incoming Artist-in-Residence.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilwoman Boleware requested budget consideration for a photographer to document the upcoming Art Awards. She will also request funds for cleanup for the wall discoloration mentioned by Commissioner Fritz. She is also putting together her request for City Council to set aside funds for the Commission and asked for input. Discussion regarding sculptures around The Hawk, illuminated paths and art included on business and public sites.

Councilwoman Balk shared information about the Grand Rapids Lantern Festival. Channel 4 will be broadcasting a story tomorrow about the Pocket Park and Mason's Corner in downtown Farmington.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 11, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Ferencz Time: 7:55 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch