

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
May 9, 2024 -6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Perko AT: 6:33 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Claire Perko, Cheryl Blau, Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Lesa Ferencz, Cindy Carleton, Ted Hadfield, Craig Nowak, Nora Mason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald Fritz, Jeff Dutka, Bree Schwartz, Sean Deason

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Carleton support by Commissioner Ferencz to approve the agenda without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

APPROVAL OF March 14, 2024 MINUTES:

Motion by Chair Perko support by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes with amendments.

Amendments:

-Under Arts Commission budget, add the word “inaugural” to indicate one-time use of funds regarding Farmington Public Art Program.

-Move sentence regarding “Commissioner Balk confirmed that the city of Farmington contributes a percentage of the arts commission budget” under Arts Commission Budget section.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Welcome to new commissioner Craig Nowak.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Rachel Timlin reported that she met with Anne Belinger, the daughter of Marlowe Belinger, regarding the commission / arts council origins and upcoming documentary in the works. Concerts, classes and events all going well. Cultural Arts presenting 59 summer camps and about half of them are already full. Makerspace will receive a support grant from Bosch. Youth Theatre had 3400 attendees for Willy Wonka throughout the weekend. The Prom performance had 1000 people over the weekend and the show was enthusiastically received by audience members. Rock Around the Hawk will be

featured in the National Parks and Rec Magazine. Moveandshakement is tomorrow at 10 AM. DSO returns next week to The Hawk for a free concert. They are returning for another concert in June. Art on the Grand is the first weekend in June. Detroit Youth Choir is also returning at the end of June.

FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT

Fundraising is ongoing for the park near the Masonic building and there are different options to contribute. Patronicity deadline is June 7. Potential in downtown Farmington for a new mural through a program with the DIA.

ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET

There are Commission funds that need to be spent by the end of June. Tree lighting is finished and we are waiting for final bill. Discussion regarding bench costs, design and preparation.

Discussion between Councilwoman Boleware and Councilwoman Balk regarding Farmington's contribution to the arts commission budget.

Motion by Commissioner Janoch to allocate remaining 23/24 commission budget of approximately 4k for ground preparation, bench completion, electrical work and landscape, etc. for the Scrupture tree. Support by Commissioner Ferencz

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Councilwoman Boleware is entering budget sessions next week and requested guidance regarding the amount that she will request. Discussion regarding upcoming and ongoing commission-focused projects. Research continues, Councilwoman Boleware will update.

Discussion regarding the funding of the Musical Composition project that Commissioner Fritz is working on. Commissioners would like more information and discussion.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2024-2025 PROJECTS REVIEW

Art Awards

September 28, 2024 is Art Awards event. Cultural Arts is working on the event and will request help as needed.

Tree Sculpture/Bench update

Commissioner Hadfield presented a bench design and a design to prepare the surface. There was discussion regarding design and the addition of bench backs and materials that Commissioner Schwartz has available.

Mary Brooks Exhibit

Commissioner Ferencz gave brief explanation of the project. Commissioner Nowak shared some ideas and his willingness to support the project with a catalog creation.

Little Art Library

Commissioner Blau shared a brief explanation of the project. Commissioner Mason shared that it will be listed in an online collection.

25th Anniversary Cultural Arts Musical Composition

Commissioners seek more information about the project. No commission funding has been committed to this project at this time.

No report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Blau shared about a project called the Children of Abraham. She would like to facilitate a project like this in our community. She also shared that she spent the last year advocating for updates to content standards for students.

Commissioner Ferencz was happy to attend the art reception at Farmington's City Hall and thankful for the support that helped to facilitate this. She received positive feedback from the artists and attendees.

Commissioner Carleton shared that she participated in the Congressional Art adjudication program that commissioners were invited to join.

Commissioner Janoch shared information about the Special Services programming honoring Pride Month and reminded commissioners that the City was one of the first to sign a Human Rights Ordinance to protect LGBTQ rights in 2015. She requested that commissioners support this programming in our community.

Commissioner Hadfield shared that he attended the Ehnes Quartet last Monday at The Hawk and greatly enjoyed the concert.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilwoman Balk shared that she received positive feedback from a job applicant at the city that felt welcomed by the art hanging in City Hall. Gala tickets for Farmington bicentennial will go on soon.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 13, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Perko Time: 8:45 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch