

APPROVED

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: APRIL 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Commissioner Janoch AT: 6:36 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsay Janoch, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Bree Schwartz, Lesa Ferencz, Don Fritz, Jeff Dutka, Nora Mason, Craig Nowak

MEMBERS ABSENT: Celeste McDermott, Cindy Carleton, Sean Deason, Cheryl Blau

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Ted Hadfield, supported by Commissioner Claire Perko, to approve the agenda without amendments:

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2026 MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Claire Perko, supported by Commissioner Lesa Ferencz, to approve the minutes with amendments.

Amendment: correct "Approval of Minutes November 2025" to "February 2026"

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

ARTS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITY-INITIATED MURAL PROGRAM: CHRISTIA BROCKWAY, FH ECONOMIC DIRECTOR

Christia (Tia) Brockway presented information about the Grand River corridor mural project, which aims to integrate coordinated public art across the 12 Mile, Orchard, and Grand River

corridors by leasing wall space from businesses, commissioning and maintaining murals, and ensuring they enhance community identity, accessibility, and local economic activity. The plan includes oversight through a review committee with Arts Commission involvement, clear leasing policies, and community engagement to support sustainable, business-friendly public art.

Commission members reacted favorably to the presentation and plan, with many wanting to participate in the planning/selection process. Commissioners were given the mural policy to review.

FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT

- Art promenade is coming back under construction- maybe done by Art on the Grand
- Wave installation is underway
- KickstART is opening another new show tomorrow night

ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET

Discussion on Allocation of Remaining FY 2025–2026 Budget:

The Commission reviewed the remaining budget, noting that approximately \$3,000 must be allocated prior to the end of June.

Expenses to date include funding for the Wave Mural project and \$400 for the holiday party (receipts submitted). An additional \$500 is designated for Mary Brooks books. The remaining balance of approximately \$2,100 is proposed to support the Farmington Area Art Awards.

A motion to approve the proposed budget allocations was made by Commissioner Ted Hadfield and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Dutka. The motion passed unanimously (9–0–0).

Jackie Boleware brought up the 250th Celebration at Founder’s Park and asked if the Arts Commission might want to participate. Pending approval by the event planning committee, it was agreed to host a community painting activity utilizing the remaining \$99 in allocated funds.

A motion to approve this expenditure was made by Commissioner Nora Mason and seconded by Commissioner Ted Hadfield. The motion passed unanimously (9–0–0).

The proposed FY 2026–2027 Arts Commission budget, totaling \$6,500, will be submitted by Jackie Boleware for approval. Proposed allocations include: \$1,000 for Arts Awards co-

