

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: 06/13/24 at 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
Meeting Room A/B
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Claire Perko

AT: TIME 6:34pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Celeste McDermott, Sean Deason, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Cindy Carleton, Bree Schwartz, Lesa Ferencz, Craig Nowak, Nora Mason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheryl Blau, Lindsay Janoch, Don Fritz, Jeff Dutka

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-0

APPROVAL OF May 9, 2024 MINUTES:

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

Amendment:

- Add “etc” to Arts Commission budget Discussion regarding bench costs, design and preparation.
- Discussion between ...add afterwards “Research continues, Councilwoman Boleware will update.”.
- Change “requests’ to “requested” under Arts Commission budget at “ Councilwoman Boleware entering budget sessions next week and REQUESTED....”
- Musical Composition – Commissioners seek more information about the project. No commission funding has been committed to this project at this time.

Seconded by Commissioner Carleton.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Gratitude for Commissioner Nora Mason’s hard work in the Makers Space youth mural program. Along with Jessica and Phil. It was a success.

DSO concert tonight.

Stars and the Park’s first concert was cancelled due to weather unfortunately.

Art on the Grand was thought to be the best one yet. Weather, vendors, visitors were all fantastic. Thank you to all AOG volunteers.

Pride Events were wonderful at The Hawk and well attended. The FH Mayor attended both events.

Commission was asked to review City suggested guidelines for the Public Art Program and art selection. Review and discussion took place. The Commission will prepare and send a statement.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Riley Park rhythms and lunch beats programs are in full swing. Dinan Park music.

Farmington reached their masonic park fundraising and matching goal. The park art swing is going to be fabricated. The book fair was well attended. Kickstart is offering free art classes for kids. A DIA mural is planned for Riley Park pavilion.

ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET

Remaining budget for plantings to be spent by June 24th. Plants to be installed quickly thereafter.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2023 PROJECTS

Art Awards

Nothing to report

Tree Sculpture / Bench Update

Plantings to be installed on June 20th. More chain has been added to the tree and discussions continue regarding additional design elements. One bench has been completed and should be delivered the 3rd week of June. Discussion about plaques for the benches/tree.

Scrupture Tree is now a PokeStop

Mary Brooks Exhibit

Commissioner Ferencz to work on photographing art high-res for digital gallery. Commission McDermott moved to allocate up to (not to exceed) \$300 for the Mary Brooks publication. Second: Carleton
Vote 9-0-0

Little Art Library

Commissioner Schwartz is looking for a new home for the Little Art Library. It currently sits at SkepSpace.

25th Anniversary Cultural Arts Musical Composition

Commissioner Deason reports that the composition is in the grant writing process. Targeting December 2024 for rehearsals on the piece.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McDermott enjoyed time in Farmington and purchased a 200th Farmington tote bag, visited the rock garden and wanted to also commend Nora and the team at The Hawk for their presentation about the Makers Space. She also shared about the Parkwest art gallery.

Commissioner Deason is offering a free designer music program at Kickstart on Aug 9th.

Commissioner Hadfield is in an exhibit at the gallery at the JCC. Exhibit may be up through July.

Commissioner Perko has signed up for parent / child art class at The Hawk and is really looking forward to it.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilperson Balk was a guest speaker for Farmington Walk About which included Farmington City Hall Art. Tickets for the Bicentennial Gala are on sale.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Sept 12,2024

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Commissioner Perko Time: 8:51pm

Minutes drafted by: Ferencz