

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: Nov 14, 2019 – 6:30 PM
COSTICK CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
28600 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS MI 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: McDermott AT: 6:31 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blau, Breen, Carleton, Deason, Ferencz, Gradin, Hadfield, Hawkins, McDermott, Pike, Warner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dutka, Hayes

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by McDermott support by Carleton, to approve the agenda as amended.

If amended, list amendments: Under Item 6, replaced Art Council Report with Service Hours Form. Added Item 10.5 Pedestal Project and Item 10.5.1 Correspondence

Carried: Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from: Oct 3, 2019

Motion by Pike support by Gradin, to approve minutes as submitted.

Carried: Unanimously

ARTISTIC REFLECTIONS

Commissioner Hawkins – participated in Kickstart Farmington Gallery art project during Ladies' Night Out
Commissioner Gradin – attended Aretha Franklin Tribute and rated the concert as phenomenal
Chairwoman McDermott – attended Dracula by Thistle Rose Academy of Arts as well as the opening of Kickstart Farmington Gallery

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were present

SERVICE HOURS FORM

Rolled out the spreadsheet for Commissioners to record FAAC service hours and answered related questions. The link to the spreadsheet to be shared after the meeting. Service hours for 2019 to be added retroactively by each Commissioner and submitted by the January 2020 meeting. Secretary lead discussion.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

- Continuing to develop programming for the Hawk amidst many meetings and conversations with various stakeholders.
- Shared Commissioner Carleton's video on her creative process.
- Won an innovation award for the Arts at Sea camp from Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA).
- Won \$15,000 grant from the State of Michigan for the Youth Theater.
- Current exhibits: Terry Butler at City Gallery and Laura DeLind at City Hall.

-Holiday Market on 11/30 to focus on Michigan makers, many artists from Art on the Grand. Commissioners are invited to spread the word.

-Elf Jr. and Big Fish involve 240 kids between both shows. Encouraged Commissioners to volunteer as ticket takers.

-Mayor's Youth Council Liaison – a young woman expressed interest in becoming a liaison; to be followed up with a letter to the City

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

No discussion at this meeting

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

No concrete fundraising actions are required from the Arts Commission at this time; to be further coordinated with City's efforts

HAWK GALLERY AND STAGING AREA REPORTS

Special Committee Members (Carleton, Ferencz, Hadfield and McDermott) had a productive meeting with Bryan Farmer and Sam Seimer. Secured support for the permanent Art Gallery on the 3rd floor of the Hawk. All Commissioners are asked to help with advocacy efforts to drive this issue. Chair McDermott will reach out to current Artist in Residence. Staging area concepts to be developed.

PEDESTAL PROJECT

Discussion around rendering presented by Hadfield as well as funding.

Hawkins motioned that \$1,318 of Commission's funds be allocated toward the Pedestal project. Seconded by Carleton. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Chair McDermott read a thank you note from Dr Bruce. Commissioners approved a commemorative plaque on pedestal for Dr. Bruce's monetary donation to the project.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2020 PROJECTS

Student Art Awards – to be redesigned completely during 2020. Deason will chair this initiative, Hawkins and Gradin joined in

Exhibitions Committee – Gradin expressed interest in creating an SOP for the Hawk Gallery

Festival of the Arts – many groups will be involved in the redesigned event. Hawkins volunteered to be the liaison from the Arts Commission. Carleton is interested to be the Awards liaison.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Jan 9, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Ajourned by: McDermott

Time: 8:26PM

Minutes drafted by: Pike