

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2026 - 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Commissioner/Vice Chair Dutka AT: 6:34 PM

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Don Fritz, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko,
Celeste McDermott, Nora Mason, Cheryl Blau,
Bree Schwartz, Cindy Carleton, Jeff Dutka, Craig Nowak

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsay Janoch, Sean Deason, Lesa Ferencz

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Blau, to approve the agenda without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2025 MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Perko, supported by Commissioner Blau, to approve the minutes with amendments.
ADD "FARMINGTON HILLS" TO CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT LINE 7, NEW ARTWORK AT CITY HALL.

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FARMINGTON ART REPORT

- Fired and Fused, January 10 from 3-5 pm – Arts Commission to create tiles for new art promenade.

COMMISSION BUDGET

- Commission requests receipts from Commissioner Ferencz for expense reimbursement for the Commission holiday event.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT:

- Youth Theatre auditions tonight for The Addams Family and High School Musical Jr.
- Rock Around the Hawk Snowfort Jazz Fest tomorrow from 10-11:30.
- Farmington Hills Public Art Program reception on Friday, January 16 from 7-9 pm
- Art on the grand applications closed on December 31. Over 160 applicants!
- Art Awards 2026: Nomination forms to come out this month.
- Reminder: The Stars in the Park series is still without a sponsor, so it will not run this summer.
- Holocaust Remembrance Day on Sunday, January 18, at 7 pm – first time working with the Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills. This will be a lecture-style event about the role of women during the holocaust.
- Lots of great concerts coming up – please check them out at thehawktheatre.com
- Many new Makerspace programs – made front page news! Detroit News
- Summer camp registration date depends on the marketing schedule. We expect camp registration to open this month.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Fritz attended “Once Upon a December Eve” at The Hawk – he enjoyed it very much.
- Commissioner Fritz requests information about performer expenses at Stars in the Park and concerts at The Hawk.
- Commissioner Hadfield mentioned the new show opening January 16 at KickstART gallery in Farmington. “America the Wild and Beautiful”

LIAISON COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Boleware loves the new art at Farmington Hills City Hall.
- Councilwoman Balk mentioned the first sale of an art piece at Farmington City Hall’s public art program. Also discussed the repair of the art piece in the exhibit.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 12, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Vice Chair Dutka at 7:16 pm
Minutes drafted by: Commissioner Schwartz