

MEETING MINUTES  
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION  
March 13, 2025 -6:30 PM  
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
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**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Chair Ferencz AT: 6:30 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Claire Perko, Lindsay Janoch, Ted Hadfield, Celeste McDermott, Lesa Ferencz, Don Fritz, Sean Deason, Nora Mason, Craig Nowak, Jeff Dutka

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheryl Blau, Cindy Carleton, Bree Schwartz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison  
Mayor Theresa Rich, City of Farmington Hills  
Jackie Boleware, Farmington Hills City Council Representative

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

MOTION CARRIED: 9:0:0

**APPROVAL OF February 13, 2025 MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Perko support by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED: 9:0:0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Theresa Rich shared plans about her goal for a future commission geared towards accessibility. She also shared plans for an arts-funding ordinance and ideas for development projects that would include funding for public art. She desires the commission's input for art selection. State of the Cities is coming April 1 and commissioners are encouraged to attend. She is also interested in putting out a call for art from members of the disabled community, with a theme of community joy.

**FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT**

Commissioner Perko shared that they are working on the art promenade design. Masonic Corner is still in progress. An opening is potentially planned for April.

**ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET**

Balance is 3,672.00 to be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Discussion to add an agenda item in April regarding funding for the music for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary video. Discussion regarding funds to be set aside for the Mary Brooks book and canvases for the Artist-in-Residence project.

Councilwoman Boleware requested that the commission consider their budget needs as the city council's May budget meeting approaches.

### **CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT**

Rachel Timlin shared the 2024 Special Services Annual Report.

### **REVIEW OF FH CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES AND GOAL SETTING**

Chair Ferencz shared information about city council's past study sessions regarding public art. Councilwoman Boleware discussed issues regarding PUDs. She shared city council's desire for public art in the community and the commission's requested presence for these discussions and plans. Commissioners shared concerns regarding upkeep and administration of the project.

### **ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL: MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Chair Ferencz shared that the commission will be presenting to city council ahead of council's May budget meeting. The Commission needs to use this opportunity to re-introduce itself to the council, differentiate themselves from the Cultural Arts Division, and share their commitment to involvement in arts in the community. It is time for the commission to refocus its goals and objectives, understand the work that is taking place in both city councils and the Cultural Arts Division, and how to best use the commission's work to effectively advocate for, safeguard and advance the arts in our communities. Commissioner McDermott requested that we define our message to the city council. This discussion could include who we are, what we can do for council, and what we need to be successful. Sub-committee will meet again and share their plans.

### **ART AWARDS ELIGIBILITY**

Art awards voting will occur this evening after the session. Discussion regarding eligibility requirements.

Motion by Chair McDermott support by Commissioner Mason that beginning with the 2026 Art Award Nominations and going forward, all current arts commissioners, city liaisons, and immediate family members of both are ineligible to win an art award.

MOTION CARRIED: 8:1:0

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Dutka shared that Scrupture Tree invitation requests should be send to him ASAP.

### **LIAISON COMMENTS**

No comments

**NEXT MEETING DATE: April 10, 2025**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by: Chair Perko      Time: 8:49 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch