

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Deason, Don Fritz, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Celeste McDermott, Nora Mason, Lesa Ferencz, Cheryl Blau, Bree Schwartz, Lindsay Janoch (late arrival)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Carleton, Craig Nowak, Jeff Dutka

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

Public: Mike Berger, Keith Janoch

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Perko, support by Commissioner McDermott to approve the agenda with amendments. Add SFC presentation follow-up between items 7 & 8

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APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2025 MINUTES:

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

1. Changing Art Czar to Chair of the Art Committee for the DDA
2. Amount voted and approved for the Fired and Fused Commission tiles is \$800

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

FARMINGTON ART REPORT

Farmington City Hall Reception on Nov 20th at 7pm

New leaf art gifted by sister city, Vacri, in Italy

Holly Days is Dec 6th

Kickstart has a new exhibition starting Nov 21st: Richard Halprin, Gary Mayer, Mary Brooks

COMMISSION BUDGET

Will discuss art awards and other misc. budget expenses at next meeting.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT:

Art Awards were successful with great energy from the hosts.
Sponge Bob the Musical opens 11/13/25 with 110 kids in the show.
Detroit Metro Youth Symphony performance was very well attended
Native American event had over 70 people attend
Upcoming: Youth theater production of Scrooge and Once Upon a December Eve, and more!
Art on the Grand deadline is end of December
New Farmington Hills City Hall artwork will be installed in December with opening in January.
Bid for youth theater service contract goes out on 11/13/25
Cultural Arts programs are successfully running in the black.

SFC Presentation Follow-up

A list of questions will be submitted to our Council Liaison that we would like City Council to request from SFC.

NEW COMMISSION ROLE: PUBLIC ART

Chair Ferencz presented a summary of the new ordinances (C-7-2025, C-8-2025) to the Commission. The ordinance will go into effect 11/17/25. Discussion regarding public art. The Commission agenda should be updated to reflect the Commission's new charge.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Chair Ferencz: Arts Commission holiday party will be Dec 13 in her home. 25/26 City Budget includes 100,000 allocations for public art.
- Commissioner Fritz: Enjoyed the Paul Keller Trio jazz concert in the Black Box Theatre.
- Commissioner Perko: Inquired about scheduling the glass fusion project with Commissioners.
- Commissioner Schwartz: Enjoyed the DIA's programming for Native American Heritage month.
- Commissioner Hadfield: Shared that Albert Young's wife appreciated that he was honored at this year's Farmington Area Arts Awards.
- Commissioner Blau: Her students at Roper are studying fall trees and will be observing them and painting them throughout the season. She shared information about a book with the Commission.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilwoman Boleware will provide an update soon on the mural outside of Theatre.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 8, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Ferencz at 8:07 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lesa Ferencz / Lindsay Janoch