

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2024 -6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Perko AT: 6:39 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Claire Perko, Cheryl Blau, Lindsay Janoch, Bree Schwartz, Jeff Dutka, Nora Mason, Sean Deason, Donald Fritz, Celeste McDermott

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lesa Ferencz, Cindy Carleton, Ted Hadfield

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner McDermott support by Commissioner Dutka to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Remove Mary Brooks Exhibit from this month's agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 9:0:0

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MINUTES:

Motion by Chair Perko support by Commissioner McDermott to approve the agenda with amendments.

Amendments: Under Commissioner's comments, replace Commissioner McDermott with Commissioner Carleton regarding attendance at the Japanese Tea Ceremony.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Rachel Timlin reported that Rock Around the Hawk was awarded an MParks Innovative Programming award. Fall Youth Theatre ticket sales reached record numbers. A proclamation from the Farmington Hills City Council recognized the 20th Anniversary of the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre. The Hawk Winter Dance Showcase was successful with high ticket sales and a narration by Artist-in-Residence Mark Boyd. First Celebration of Native American Culture was held in the Black Box Theatre in November. Art on the Grand applications have closed with an increase in applicants. Public Art Program reception is on 1/12/24 from 7-9 PM with live music from PRISM String Trio and an address from Mayor Rich. Detroit Retro Society is 1/13/24. New classes and workshops starting in January. There is a new Makerspace manager. Marketing would like the commissioners to consider aiding with casual social media posts.

FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT

Heart the Art is coming 2/10/24 from 7-10 PM. New design for Mason's Corner will be unveiled. KickstART is progressing. SKEP Space has reopened in their new location.

ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET

Current balance includes the \$2500 allocated for the bench. There is an additional \$4500 to spend. Funds must be spent by end of June 2024.

Commissioner McDermott suggested allocating an additional \$2000 to fund the benches, signage and lighting for the sculpture project and to allocate \$500 for offsite enrichment for the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Team. Cost estimates regarding the completion of the sculpture project will be gathered before the next meeting.

City of Farmington will allocate \$1000 to the Arts Commission for next fiscal year. There may be funds available for the current fiscal year.

COMMISSION FOCUSED 2024-2025 PROJECTS REVIEW

Art Awards

Timeline will be moved up to allow selection in March and formal announcements to be made in the fall Activities Guide. Nominations will be accepted in January and February. Art Awards is tentatively set for 9/28/24.

Tree Sculpture/Bench update

Commissioner Schwartz is working on wood for the bench project.

Little Art Library

Commissioner Schwartz is storing the Little Free Art Library currently and will complete and deliver to SKEP Space.

25th Anniversary Cultural Arts Musical Composition

Commissioner Fritz has been in communication with Damien Crutcher from the Farmington Community Band. Commissioner Fritz's daughter is willing to work on a grant to fund the project.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Janoch shared updates about the Commissioners' #liveatthehawk social media challenge.

Chair Perko shared that she and Commissioner Carleton would like to invite Vickie Sullen-Winn to an upcoming Arts Commission meeting.

Commissioner McDermott reminded all that we have elections coming up next month. She went to see The Color Purple on Christmas day and participated in a call with Oprah and the film's director. She also shared that Rachel Timlin did a wonderful job in sharing information about art in the community in a radio interview on WDET and that she felt pride in the arts in this community.

Commissioner Schwartz shared her interest in building a bubble gum wall. She also enjoyed the Harry Potter Skate Night/ Bicentennial Kick-off in downtown Farmington.

Commissioner Fritz shared that Bookstock is coming up in April and they are looking for book donations.

Commissioner Blau shared that Farmington and Farmington Hills residents in the Rosie the Riveters group were invited to Hawaii to march in the Pearl Harbor parade.

Commissioner Dutka inquired about the Sarah Fisher property and the sculptures on the site.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilwoman Boleware shared that Farmington Hills City Council is considering ways to incorporate art for public exhibition into the development of properties. She requested that the Commission consider their potential role in this endeavor. Commissioner McDermott would like to add this as an agenda item for discussion.

Councilwoman Balk shared information about the city of Farmington's bicentennial plans.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 8, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Perko Time: 8:12 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch