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**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
City Hall Board Room, 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
March 26, 2024 at 3:30 PM**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. November 28, 2023 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
 - B. January 23, 2024 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
 - A. Annual Ethics Review
- VI. Adjournment
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Resolutions
- IX. Ordinances
- X. Discussion Items
- XI. City Staff
 - A. Staff Update
 - 1. Waterfront Art Walk Sculpture Update
 - 2. Sunset Park Mosaic Update
 - 3. Martin Luther King Center Mural Update
- XII. Communications and Reports
 - A. Commission Member Susan Gieger
 - B. Commission Member John Wesner

- C. Chairperson Thomas Decker
- D. Commission Member Jane Slivka
- E. Commission Member Maryann McNamara
- F. Vice-Chairperson Keashawn "Kay" Volmar
- G. Commission Member Rebecca Owen

XIII. Future Meeting Dates

- A. May 28, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
- B. July 23, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
- C. September 24, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
- D. November 26, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

NOTICE: Please note that, for purposes of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, two or more members of the City Council may be present at this meeting, and this meeting may be considered a City Council meeting.

NOTICE: If any person decides to appeal any decisions at this meeting with respect to any matter considered, such person may need a record of these proceedings. For such purpose, a person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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DATE: March 26, 2024

TO: Public Arts Commission Members

FROM: Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: November 28, 2023 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Introduction:

This is a request for the Public Arts Commission to approve meeting minutes.

Discussion:

Administrative staff prepare minutes and present them to the Commission as an opportunity to make suggestions or corrections prior to final approval.

Budget Impact:

N/A

Strategic Impact:

Detailed minutes ensure that Commission meetings are well documented and votes are recorded for the public record.

Recommendation Commission approve minutes as transcribed.

Attachment(s):

1. 11.28.2023 PAC Minutes

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager
Reviewed by: carsonc carsonc, Special Events Manager
Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director

Approved - 3/22/2024
Final Approval - 3/22/2024

**CITY OF
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PUBLIC ARTS
COMMISSION
MINUTES**



**November 28, 2023
City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757**

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Chairperson Thomas Decker called to order the November 28, 2023, regular meeting of the Public Arts Commission at 3:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Thomas Decker
Harlow Middleton
Jane Slivka
Keashawn "Kay" Volmer
Maryann McNamara
John Wesner

Also Present:

Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director
Christopher Carson, Cultural & Special Events Manager
Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager
Cathy Lunday, Library Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Middleton
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Slivka
Commission Member Volmer
Commission Member Wesner*

NO None

B. Chairperson Decker requested an agenda addition, presentation by Ms. Cathy Lunday, Library Director.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSION MEMBER MIDDLETON; COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATIONS

A. New & Upcoming Public Art at the Library

- Mural: Director Lunday shared photos and information on the new mural recently completed by Christine Peloquin on the garden shed door of the Nunan Butterfly Garden. The funding for the mural was awarded to Peloquin through a grant by United Artists of Central Florida with support from the Mount Dora Library Association.
- Musical Sculpture Coming in January: “The Swirl”- 7’ tall and interactive. It is the only one of its type in Florida. Funds raised as a memorial to a 2-year old patron who passed away last December. Dedication tentatively scheduled for January.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Call to Artist Discussion & Suggestion

Mr. Carson suggested that since the deadline for the Call to Artists has been extended three times and there is still only one submission, the call should be terminated at this time. No objections were made. Pat Price (1833 Overlook Dr, Mount Dora, FL 32757) shared her experience that some artists find the application process daunting and that providing assistance with completing the process should be considered for the future.

Mr. Carson stated that several other potential projects have been identified and now it is necessary to come to a consensus on which ones to move forward with at this time.

- MLK Mural- Janet with Mount Dora Center for the Arts had an artist lined up. If this is something the board wants to fund, it would need to be brought to the Northeastern CRA board for approval. Chairperson Decker would like to hear from the residents that the mural is something they are really interested in before moving forward.
- Simpson Cove Lakefront Art Walk from the windmill to the alligator. Possibly relocate sculptures from Community Building depending on what is possible once historical designation is in place.
- Utility Wall on Dora Drawdy- a lot of time and energy going into improving the alleyways downtown. Updated lighting completed on Royellou and will be completing Dora Drawdy soon. This improves lighting for Art in the Alley, etc. Commission Member Volmer suggested scouting alternate locations for murals as Dora Drawdy is not well lit and too narrow for optimal photo taking.
- Chairperson Decker shared an alternative that Mount Dora Center for Arts (MDCA) is willing to partner on a mural on the wall across from All About Images which would feature AI interactive elements.
- Commission Member Volmer also thought the Donnelly Park steps would be a great location for art as that location provides wonderful photo opportunities and is a feature point of the city.

- Chairperson Decker suggested that the submission from the Call to Artists for the steps could be used on the bathroom wall in Sunset Park. Currently the bathroom wall is an eye-sore in the area.
- Shawn McNallis (1127 E. Crooked Lake, Eustis) brought an offer to provide a mosaic for Sunset Park. It would feature a vintage postcard look with oranges and vintage-styled typography. A local artist has been identified, Diana Lucas, who has completed many mosaic installations in her career. The lettering will be crafted by Juliette of Yada Yada Pottery Downtown Mount Dora. Rachel Williams (1321 Heim Rd) spoke on the history and nostalgic attachment to Sunset Park and their desire to see this artwork brought to that location. Commission Member Volmer expressed concerns about the typography in the design mock up. Ms. McNallis confirmed the font would be bigger and in the style of the postcard shown. There was a verbal consensus regarding placement at Sunset Park and that there should be a review of final plan before committing. Chairperson Decker disagreed.
- Chairperson Decker presented an idea brought in by MDCA who would help organize and fund the project. It would involve a sculpture installation by an international artist who currently has artwork at the Orlando Library. The artist has offered to move the piece to Mount Dora at no cost. This would be installed as part of the lakefront art walk. The cost would be to build the base and install and should be about \$5,000. Vice-chairperson Middleton called for a consensus to give Janet (MDCA) the go ahead to move forward with this artist. There is consensus to move forward.

CITY STAFF

- A. **Introduction of new staff member- Brittany Haller, Communications Coordinator-** Ms. Haller shared the promotional avenues for public information: (Nextdoor, Facebook, Constant Contact, Channel 6, iHeart Radio) and her vision for bringing awareness to the wonderful things happening in Mount Dora.
- B. **Public Arts Commission Member Terms-** Staff instructed commission members to contact their appointing City Council Members to indicate interest in reelection. Five members are reaching the end of their terms and have been contacted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Commission Member John Wesner
- B. Commission Member Maryann McNamara
- C. Commission Member Keashawn "Kay" Volmer
- D. Vice-Chairperson Harlow Middleton
- E. Chairperson Thomas Decker
- F. Commission Member Jane Slivka

FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. Thursday, January 23, 2024, 3:30 P.M., Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:06 P.M.

THOMAS DECKER, CHAIRPERSON
City of Mount Dora

JENNIFER SCHWARZ, OPERATIONS MANAGER
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DATE: March 26, 2024

TO: Public Arts Commission Members

FROM: Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: January 23, 2024 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Introduction:

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**January 23, 2024
City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
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CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Chairperson Thomas Decker called to order the January 23, 2024, regular meeting of the Public Arts Commission at 3:37 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Thomas Decker
Rebecca Owen
Jane Slivka
Maryann McNamara
John Wesner

Also Present:

Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director
Christopher Carson, Cultural & Special Events Manager
Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager

Election of 2024 Chair and Vice-Chair:

MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER WESNER, SECONDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA TO NOMINATE THOMAS DECKER FOR COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON. MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
 Commission Member Owen
 Commission Member Slivka
 Commission Member McNamara
 Commission Member Wesner*

NO None

MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA, SECONDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA TO NOMINATE KAY VOLMER COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON. MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
 Commission Member Owen
 Commission Member Wesner
 Commission Member Slivka
 Commission Member McNamara*

NO None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Stetson of Sullivan Ranch: Introduced himself as a new resident, recently retired Art Museum Director. Stated he started the Sculpture Festival at the Polk Museum of Art in Lakeland.

Harlow Middleton: He stated he is no longer associated with Mount Dora since retirement and can no longer serve on the commission. All thanked him for his longtime service.

Janet Gamache, Executive Director, Mount Dora Center for the Arts: She announced the 49th Mount Dora Art Festival on February 3-4 and stated there will be a parking shuttle from Lincoln lot.

PRESENTATIONS

ACTION ITEMS

A. Martin Luther King Center Mural

Janet Gamache, Executive Director, MDCA; German Lemus of Studio Art Farm; Officer Kenny Lopez, Mount Dora Police Department; Paul Morris- Gallery Director, MDCA

Designs and examples of past work presented for consideration. It was expressed that the design should be selected by the Northeast Community Redevelopment Agency.

MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA, SECONDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER WESNER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER MURAL. MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
 Commission Member Owen
 Commission Member Wesner
 Commission Member Slivka
 Commission Member McNamara*

NO None

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CITY STAFF

A. Waterfront Art Walk Update

Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director, gave an update on the project. He and Jennifer

Schwarz, Operations Manager, met with the artist and his manager. They walked the waterfront and chose the location from the locations identified by the commission. Director Shonk will be meeting with the construction company next week. Currently awaiting the artist to update his LLC. MDCA is holding the art until the LLC is updated. Location will be by the Simpson plaque and rock.

B. Sunset Park Mosaic Update

Chris Carson, Cultural & Special Events Manager, provided an update on the project and shared an updated design. Schedule to be determined shortly.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Commission Member John Wesner

B. Commission Member Maryann McNamara

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D. Chairperson Thomas Decker

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MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA TO ADJOURN; COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:17 P.M.

THOMAS DECKER, CHAIRPERSON
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DATE: March 26, 2024

TO: Public Arts Commission Members

FROM: Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Annual Ethics Review

Introduction:

Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law was enacted in 1967. Sunshine Law statutes establish a basic right of access to most meetings of boards, commissions and other governing bodies of state and local governmental agencies or authorities. Each year, the commission reviews the basics of Sunshine law and other regulations related to their service as members of the commission.

Discussion:

Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine law provides a right of access to governmental proceedings at both the state and local levels. It applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same board or commission to discuss some matter which will foreseeably come before that board or commission for action. The Sunshine law requires that 1) meetings of boards or commissions must be open to the public; 2) reasonable notice of such meetings must be given, and 3) minutes of the meeting must be taken.

At this time, Mount Dora City Attorney Drew Smith will give a brief overview of Sunshine Law, conflicts of interest, and other matters relating to their service on the commission.

Budget Impact:

N/A

Strategic Impact:

N/A

Recommendation Commission members consider throughout their terms of service on the Public Arts Commission the information shared by Mr. Smith.

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