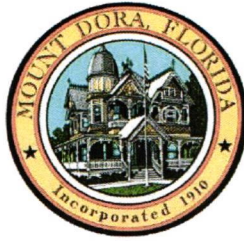


**CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
PUBLIC ARTS
COMMISSION
MINUTES**



**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

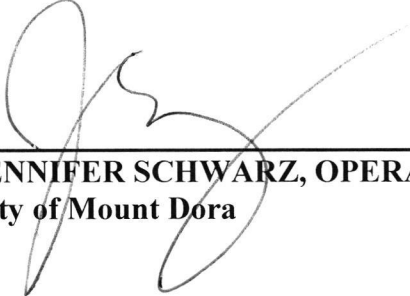
ADJOURNMENT

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
City of Mount Dora