



# CITY OF MOUNT DORA

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**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**City Hall Board Room, 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757**  
**July 23, 2024 at 3:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. March 26, 2024 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
- VI. Adjournment
- VII. Action Items
  - A. Approval of Martin Luther King Center Mural
  - B. Approval of Simpson Cove Chair Repainting
  - C. Approval of Light Pole Banners
  - D. Approval of Art Walk Sculpture
  - E. Approval of Interactive Art Feature
  - F. Approval of Donnelly Park Sound System
- VIII. Resolutions
- IX. Ordinances
- X. Discussion Items
- XI. City Staff
  - A. Staff Update
- XII. Communications and Reports
  - A. Commission Member Lindsay Perreault

- 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. September 24, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
- B. November 26, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

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**DATE:** July 23, 2024  
**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members  
**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**SUBJECT:** March 26, 2024 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

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**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. 03.26.2024 PAC Minutes

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

Approved - 7/17/2024  
Final Approval - 7/19/2024



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



**March 26, 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 March 26, 2024, regular meeting of the Public Arts Commission at 3:32 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Thomas Decker  
Rebecca Owen  
Jane Slivka  
Maryann McNamara  
Kaeshawn Volmar

**Also Present:**

Christopher Carson, Cultural & Special Events Manager  
Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager  
Gretchen Gomez, Parks & Recreation Admin Coordinator  
Drew Smith, Attorney – Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

***MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; VICE-CHAIRPERSON VOLMAR SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Slivka  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member Owen*

*NO None*

**B. January 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Carson amended the minutes to read as follows:**

**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.**

***MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA; COMMISSION MEMBER OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Slivka  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar*

*NO None*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Morris, Gallery Director, Mount Dora Center for the Arts:

Working on an initiative to find and identify all of Mount Dora Center for the Arts permanent collection works. He would like to place tags for what the work is, artists name, and identify that it is Mount Dora Center for the Arts property on loan for the City of Mount Dora.

Gary Hopcraft, Board Member, Mount Dora Center for the Arts:

Discussed missing works and would like help from City staff to find them.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Annual Ethics Review**

Attorney Drew Smith of Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand reviewed and discussed Sunshine Law, Robert's Rule, and other ethical subjects with the board.

#### **B. Introduction to Parks & Recreation Administrative Coordinator, Gretchen Gomez**

Mr. Carson introduced Gretchen Gomez as the new Parks & Recreation Administrative Coordinator. Ms. Gomez will report to Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager, and will be clerking minutes of the Public Arts Commission Board Meetings. Ms. Gomez duties include being the administrative support to the Parks & Recreation Department and record keeping in the daily activities of the department.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCES**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **CITY STAFF**

#### **A. Waterfront Art Walk Update**

Mr. Carson provided an update on the project. The LLC has been updated by the artist. Mr. Carson stated that the City Attorney is satisfied with the documents that were received in order to move forward with install. The artist will be presenting verbiage to go on a plaque for the art sculpture. Director Troy Shonk to coordinate with the artist regarding install date.

#### **B. Sunset Park Mosaic Update**

Mr. Carson provided an update on the project. He stated that the department has heard back from the artist and has an estimated time of completion. Faden Builders to pick up structure and install base.

#### **C. Martin Luther King Center Mural Update**

Mr. Carson provided an update and distributed a photo showing the mural.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

**A. Commission Member Susan Gieger**

**B. Commission Member John Wesner**

**D. Chairperson Thomas Decker**

Inquired about the artist on loan that came to the art show. Mr. Carson discussed wanting the artists to present themselves to the board.

**D. Commission Member Jane Slivka**

**E. Commission Member Maryann McNamara**

**F. Vice-Chairperson Keashawn “Kay” Volmar**

**G. Commission Member Rebecca Owen**

**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.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10 P.M.

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**THOMAS DECKER, CHAIRPERSON**  
**City of Mount Dora**

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**GRETCHEN GOMEZ, ADMIN COORDINATOR**  
**City of Mount Dora**



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**DATE:** July 23, 2024

**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Martin Luther King Center Mural

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**Introduction:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the importance of public arts by supporting the value of murals in public places.

**Discussion:**

Recently, artist German Lemus painted a mural of Martin Luther King, Jr on the exterior wall of the Martin Luther King Center. The mural itself was selected by the Public Arts Advisory Board and later approved by Committee members of the Northeast Community Redevelopment Association. There is currently enough exterior wall space to complete the mural design on the building with consideration of the mural designs presented by Mr. German Lemus.

**Budget Impact:**

Funds budgeted for Public Arts Projects in GL 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the need for projects that were approved within the Public Arts Master Plan.

**Recommendation** Opportunity to select a mural concept presented by artist, German Lemus.

**Attachment(s):**

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**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Simpson Cove Chair Repainting

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**Introduction:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the significance of offering public art along the waterfront of Simpson Cove.

**Discussion:**

Several years ago, local artist, Susan Grogan was commissioned by Public Arts Advisory Board to paint a Butterfly design on the Adirondack Chair positioned at the entrance of Simpson Cove. The chair has become a favorite photo spot for many visitors of our lakefront park. At this time, the chair would benefit from either a refresh of the current design or consideration of a new design for the chair.

**Budget Impact:**

Funds budgeted for Public Arts Projects in GL 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Advisory Board recognizes the importance of maintaining art attractions that are suggested by the Public Arts Master Plan.

**Recommendation** This is an opportunity for the members of Public Arts Advisory Board to select a new design or a refresh of the current design of the large Adirondack Chair located at the entrance of Grantham Point.

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**DATE:** July 23, 2024

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**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Light Pole Banners

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**Introduction:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the significance utilizing artistic light pole banners in public spaces.

**Discussion:**

This is an opportunity for further collaboration with City Staff and members of the Public Art Advisory Board to add light pole banners that offer an artistic recognition of Mount Dora. The City currently installs banners that recognizes holidays, seasons, special occasions and special events. The time period of the summer month could benefit with a fresh banner design for the period of time.

**Budget Impact:**

There are budgeted funds for public arts projects in GL code 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the value of Mount Dora's brand in the form of visual art in the form a light pole banner.

**Recommendation** This is an opportunity for the Public Arts Advisory Board to select up to 3 banner designs to be displayed on the light poles during the summer months.

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**DATE:** July 23, 2024

**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Art Walk Sculpture

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**Introduction:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the significance of offering public art along the waterfront of Simpson Cove.

**Discussion:**

Recently, the Public Arts Advisory Board in support of the Mount Dora Center for the Arts were able to enter into an art on loan agreement with notable artist Joaquin Restrepo with a sculpture titled "Temet Nosce" (Know Thyself). As this was the first installation for the anticipated art walk program, this allows Advisory Board members to seek further installation opportunities. At this time, City Staff would like to present an opportunity to add another sculpture to the Art Walk area of Simpson Cove.

**Budget Impact:**

There are budgeted funds for public arts projects in GL code 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the importance of developing art in public spaces as approved by the Public Arts Master Plan.

**Recommendation** This is an opportunity for the Public Arts Advisory Board to approve a purchase of a sculpture for the Art Walk located in Simpson Cove.

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**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Interactive Art Feature

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**Introduction:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the significance of providing diversity within public art along the waterfront of Simpson Cove.

**Discussion:**

Recently, the Public Arts Advisory Board in support of the Mount Dora Center for the Arts were able to enter into an art on loan agreement with notable artist Joaquin Restrepo with a sculpture titled "Temet Nosce" (Know Thyself). As this was the first installation for the anticipated art walk program, this allows Advisory Board members to seek further installation opportunities. At this time, City Staff would like to present an opportunity to incorporate an interactive art piece into the Art Walk area of Simpson Cove.

**Budget Impact:**

There are budgeted funds for public arts projects in GL Code 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the desire to add public art to public spaces.

**Recommendation** This is an opportunity for the Public Arts Advisory Board to approve the purchase of the addition of interactive art piece the Art Walk located within Simpson Cove.

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**DATE:** July 23, 2024

**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Donnelly Park Sound System

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**Introduction:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes production needs concerning public performing arts in public spaces.

**Discussion:**

Donnelly Park serves as the venue for several signature festivals that take place each year, including the Mount Dora Arts Festival, Craft Festival, Scottish Highland Festival, the recently added the Viva La Frida Festival, Holiday Symphony in the Park and the return of Light up Mount Dora. Musicians and dance regularly perform at these events in front of thousands who visit the festival. The sound system that is currently located in the park no longer functions and is often augmented by a contracted sound company. This would be an opportunity for members of the Public Arts Advisory Committee to enhance the current productions while encouraging more performing arts to take place in Donnelly Park.

**Budget Impact:**

Funds budgeted for Public Arts Projects in GL 001-1340-572.31-01.

**Strategic Impact:**

The Public Arts Advisory Board recognizes the importance of performing arts to the Mount Dora Community as approved by the Public Arts Master Plan.

**Recommendation** This is an opportunity to approve the purchase and installation of a sound system for Donnelly Park that is appropriate for diverse performances.

**Attachment(s):**

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**DATE:** July 23, 2024

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**FROM:** Troy Shonk, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Staff Update

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**Introduction:**

Staff Update

**Discussion:**

- Sunset Park Mosaic
- Budget

**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**Strategic Impact:**

N/A

**Recommendation**

**Attachment(s):**

1. Budget Report

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

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## Public Arts Projects

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Balance</b>
\$100,000.00	\$18,868.84	\$81,131.16
Waterfront Artwalk - Concrete Pad (1)		\$2,640.00
Sunset Park Mosaic - Lucas Deposit		\$1,200.00
MLK Mural - Lemus Deposit		\$1,500.00
MLK Mural - Graffiti Sealer		\$128.84
MLK Mural - Lemus Balance		\$3,500.00
Sunset Park Mosaic - Yada Yada Tiles		\$300.00
Sunset Park Mosaic - Lucas Balance		\$1,500.00
Waterfront Sculpture - Restrepo		\$4,000.00
Waterfront Artwalk - Concrete Pad (2)		\$4,100.00

*Sunset Park Mosaic expenses to be reimbursed by MDCT.*