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**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING  
City Hall Board Room, 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757  
September 24, 2024 at 3:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. July 23, 2024 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
- VI. Adjournment
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Resolutions
- IX. Ordinances
- X. Discussion Items
  - A. FY 24/25 Projects
- 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. 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:** September 24, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** July 23, 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. 07.23.2024 PAC Minutes

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

Approved - 9/19/2024  
Final Approval - 9/19/2024

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



**July 23, 2024  
City Hall  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Chairperson Thomas Decker called to order the July 23, 2024, regular meeting of the Public Arts Commission at 3:40 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Thomas Decker  
Rebecca Owen  
John Wesner  
Maryann McNamara  
Kaeshawn Volmar  
Lindsay Perreault

**Also Present:**

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

**Members Not Present:**

Jane Slivka

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. March 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Perreault  
Commission Member Owen  
Commission Member Wesner*

*NO None*

**AMENDMENT**

***MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD BUDGET AND SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSSION ITEMS, MOVE DISCUSSION ITEMS ABOVE ACTION ITEMS, SWITCH D & E, AND REMOVE F FROM DISCUSSION ITEMS BY CHAIRPERSON DECKER; COMMISSION MEMBER OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Perreault  
Commission Member Owen  
Commission Member Wesner*

*NO None*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Will meet with staff to find and identify all of Mount Dora Center for the Arts permanent collection works.

Carol Stephens:

Discussed a concern about the art pieces located at Simpson Cove. Ms. Stephens stated that people have voiced their opinion on the statues. Would like for the statues to be low in order to still see the view.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **CITY STAFF**

##### **A. Staff Update**

Discussion of budget, the remaining budget for future projects, and holding a special meeting on August 13, 2024 at 3:30pm.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Approval of Martin Luther King Center Mural**

Artist, German Lemus, discussed the mural and what the art represents. With the removal of the tree that was covering some of the Martin Luther King Center, the mural would now expand.

***MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER MURAL BY COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA; COMMISSION MEMBER WESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Perreault  
Commission Member Owen  
Commission Member Wesner*

*NO None*

##### **B. Approval of Simpson Cove Chair Repainting**

Artist, Susan Grogen, presented different ideas in case the board decided against a refresh of the butterfly for the Simpson Cove Chair Repainting. Different ideas included a Peacock, Great Blue Heron, Angel Wings, and Animals.

Chairperson Decker asked if anyone had a public comment. Carol Stephens asked artist, Susan Grogen, if she uses an acrylic cover to protect the art. Ms. Grogen answered Ms. Stephens

question and informed her that yes, an acrylic cover is placed.

***MOTION TO APPROVE A REFRESH/REPAINT OF THE SIMPSON COVE CHAIR REPAINTING NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE NOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Perreault  
Commission Member Owen  
Commission Member Wesner*

*NO None*

**C. Approval of Light Pole Banners**

Discussion ensued regarding light pole banners, their placement around Mount Dora, and adding specific pieces to highlight different times of the year. Christopher Carson asked Vice-Chairperson Kaeshawn Volmar if she would be interested in being involved. Ms. Volmar will present different artistic ideas at the August Special Meeting.

Public Comment by Artist, German Lemus, where he offers his artwork services from his business for the light pole banners.

***MOTION TO APPROVE COMMISSION MEMBER VOLMAR TO WORK WITH STUDIO ART FORM IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT ON THE DESIGN FOR THE LIGHT POLE BANNERS BY COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA; COMMISSION MEMBER PERREAULT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Perreault  
Commission Member Owen  
Commission Member Wesner*

*NO None*

**D. Approval of Interactive Art Feature**

Discussion ensued regarding the addition of a Harp Chime and the location of the art piece.

Public Comment by Paul Morris; suggested that the board look at other pieces of art. Public Comment by Janet Gamache; voiced her concern about the funds not being used on local artists. Public Comment by Dr. Christine Harris; voiced her opinion on the harp and bringing the community together through the harp.

***MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERACTIVE ART FEATURE TO BE IN THE LOCATION OF THE ART SCULPTURE GARDEN OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; COMMISSION MEMBER OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Perreault  
Commission Member Owen  
Commission Member Wesner*

*NO None*

**E. Approval of Art Walk Sculpture**

Janet Gamache from Mount Dora Center of the Arts presented various art sculptures from different artists.

***MOTION TO APPROVE CHAIRPERSON THOMAS DECKER, CHRISTOPHER CARSON, AND JANET GAMACHE WORK TOGETHER ON THE ART WALK SCUPLTURE AND WILL NOT EXCEED \$40,000.00 BY CHAIRPERSON VOLMAR; CHAIRPERSON OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.***

*YES Chairperson Decker  
Vice-Chairperson Volmar  
Commission Member McNamara  
Commission Member Perreault  
Commission Member Owen  
Commission Member Wesner*

*NO None*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCES**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

**A. Commission Member John Wesner**

**B. Chairperson Thomas Decker**

Mr. Decker stated his dislike on the presentation of the mosaic donation and would like to discuss a policy for the next meeting.

**C. Commission Member Jane Slivka**

**D. Commission Member Maryann McNamara**

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

- F. Commission Member Rebecca Owen
- G. Commission Member Lindsay Perreault

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:27 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:** September 24, 2024

**TO:** Public Arts Commission Members

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

**SUBJECT:** FY 24/25 Projects

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**Introduction:**

This is an opportunity for the Public Arts Advisory Board to prepare for the following Fiscal Year's 24/25 Budget.

**Discussion:**

The Public Art Advisory Board will have the opportunity to prepare ideas for projects for the upcoming Fiscal Year 24/25. The next Public Arts Advisory Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. This is an opportunity for all members of the Board to bring project proposals forward which better allow for discussion and preparation for completion.

**Budget Impact:**

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

**Strategic Impact:**

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

**Recommendation** Public Arts Advisory Board members prepare and propose project ideas that include details of time frame, costs and a visual description.

**Attachment(s):**

Prepared by: Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager  
Reviewed by: carsonc carsonc, Special Events Manager

Approved - 9/19/2024

