

**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FL
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 24, 2023**



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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thomas Decker called the Public Arts Commission meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Mount Dora City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Harlow Middleton, Mayoral Appointee
John Wesner, District 1
Thomas Decker, District 2
Maryann McNamara, District 4
Keashawn "Kay" Volmar, District 5

Also Present

Chris Carson, Cultural and
Special Events Manager
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Members Not Present

Kelly Burns, At Large

A. Election of 2023 Chair and Vice-Chair

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR MIDDLETON TO NOMINATE COMMISSION CHAIR DECKER FOR 2023 COMMISSION CHAIR; COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WESNER TO NOMINATE COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON MIDDLETON FOR 2023 COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON; COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 22, 2022 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR MIDDLETON TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 22, 2022 PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES; COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Vice-chairperson Middleton Chairperson Decker Commissioner McNamara Commissioner Wesner Commissioner Volmar
NO	None

Commissioners requested the next agenda include public-private partnership funding, especially legal ramifications concerning funding sources, and methods of securing private parcels on which to place publicly-funded art.

Discussion ensued regarding the types of art that could be obtained by the City on loan and the possibility of using privately-owned publicly-visible spaces where murals might be installed. Commissioners discussed funding forecasts and funding sources.

Commissioner Wesner broached the crosswalk project, and the commission and staff discussed locations and ways of moving forward. Commissioners and staff declared the need to determine cost, concept, and funding sources, and to obtain CRA approval.

The commission discussed the status of the master plan and the need to have a funding plan. An additional public meeting involving possible benefactors was mentioned.

Janet Gamache, Mount Dora Center for the Arts, 138 East Fifth Avenue, offered ideas on collaboration with the Center.

Commissioner Volmar urged the commission to consider other forms of art in addition to visual.

City Staff

A. Staff Update

Mr. Carson announced the commission would now meet bimonthly. He shared more information about funding, especially related to City funding.

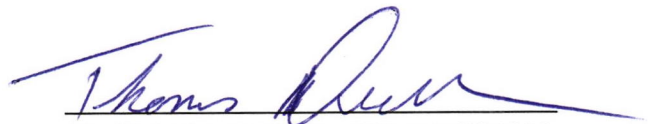
Vice-chair Middleton shared anecdote about the Arts Festival. Funding was further discussed. The master plan will support requests to council for funding.

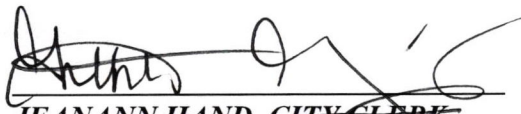
Banners were mentioned, as was stock versus original art.

Adjournment

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR MIDDLETON TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:46 p.m.


THOMAS DECKER, COMMISSION
CHAIR


JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK

Gretchen Gómez,
Parks & Rec Admin Coordinator