

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



**January 23, 2024
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 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
- C. Commission Member Rebecca Owen
- D. Chairperson Thomas Decker
- E. Commission Member Jane Slivka

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Thursday, March 26, 2024, 3:30 P.M., Regular Session

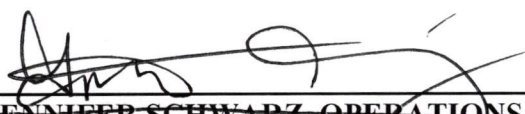
ADJOURNMENT

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
City of Mount Dora



~~JENNIFER SCHWARZ, OPERATIONS MANAGER~~
City of Mount Dora
Gretchen Gomez
Parks & Rec Admin Coordinator