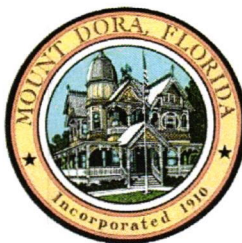


**CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**



**October 10, 2023
City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757**

Call to Order

Commissioner Decker called the Public Arts Commission meeting to order at 3:30 pm in the Mount Dora Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Members Present

Thomas Decker
Jane Slivka
Rebecca Owen
John Wesner
Keashawn "Kay" Volmar

Also Present

Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director
Chris Carson, Cultural and Special Events Manager
Amanda Ferguson, Administrative Assistant

Members Not Present

Harlow Middleton
Maryann McNamara

Approval of Minutes

A. July 25, 2023 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Decker inquired if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none.

***MOTION BY REBECCA OWENS TO APPROVE THE JULY 25, 2023
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES; JANE SLIVKA
SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE.***

Public Comment

Janet Gamache - Mount Dora Center for the Arts - Informed the board that the Center for the Arts viva event was well attended, despite the weather, and that she is hoping that it continues to receive funding.

Christine Harris- Expressed her gratitude to the commission for their support of the MLK art program for the NECRA community, informing the board that 8 children and 4 adults participated in the summer art program. She expressed her wish that other guest artists would provide lessons at the MLK Center on Mondays or Thursdays for the community.

Presentations

Rachel Williams and Carole Warshaw with Girls night out Visual - Visual Arts Fund - They explained to the board that their group has met once a week as a group since 2004. They decided 8 years ago to start saving the money they would spend on gifts for each other for a public art fund for the City of Mount Dora instead. They brought their newest art project to show the group the rendering of the project they hope to complete by Diana Lucas. The font on the example is not what the final for the project. The installation location will be at Sunset Park, to the right of the sign for the park.

Chairperson Decker inquired if the installation location was finalized and also expressed his distaste for the art in general. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Warshaw said Sunset Park has a reminiscent feeling for many individuals in the group. Chairperson Decker advised that he thought the artwork was more fitting for an entrance to the City. However, the other chairpersons advised that they see it as a selfie or photo spot for downtown.

Mr. Carson suggested that each commissioner visit the park individually, look at the area for installation and bring their opinion back for the next meeting on November 28, 2023.

Action Items

Resolutions

Ordinances

Discussion Items

A. Call to Artists for Asphalt Crosswalk at Cauley Lott Park

Christopher Carson advised that there were not that many submissions for this Call to Artists and he is suggesting extending the Call to Artists for another 30 days.

MOTION BY JOHN WESNER TO EXTEND THE CALL TO ARTISTS FOR ASPHALT CROSSWALK AT CAULEY LOTT PARK FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS; REBECCA OWENS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

B. Call to Artists for Concrete Steps at Sunset Park

Christopher Carson explains that we will need to have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd selection for the submissions.

Commissioner Slivka expressed her top three choices are 5, 7 and 4. Commissioner Volmer's top three choices are 4, 2 and 12. Commissioner Owen's top three choices are 5, 6 and 4. Commissioner Wesner's top three choices are 4, 1 and 1. Lastly, Chairperson Decker expressed that the only option he liked was 3, but advised that he did not really like any of them and believes the commission should reissue the call to artist for better artwork.

Kay inquired what the cost would be to change it to a mosaic instead of paint.

MOTION BY REBECCA OWENS TO EXTEND THE CALL TO ARTISTS FOR CONCRETE STEPS AT SUNSET PARK FOR 30 DAYS; JANE SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Janet Gamache inquired if we could look into an artist that would be able to mosaic the risers of the stairs for option number 3, citing the original idea was to only paint the riser of the stairs. Janet suggested the commission issue a smaller call to artist to complete a mosaic on the riser of the stairs in collaboration to option three.

Thomas advised that he believes we should scrap the entire project and put their money towards something that would be better for the City.

MOTION BY REBECCA OWENS TO RECIND THE EXTENSION CALL TO ARTISTS FOR CONCRETE STEPS AT SUNSET PARK; JANE SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

MOTION BY REBECCA OWENS TO EXTEND THE CALL TO ARTISTS FOR CONCRETE STEPS AT SUNSET PARK; NONE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

City Staff

A. Staff Update

Chris Carson provided the commission with a proof of the design of the signage for the Mount Dora Music Hall. He explained that there is a city wide ordinance that limits the size of the signage based on the square footage of the property.

Communications and Reports

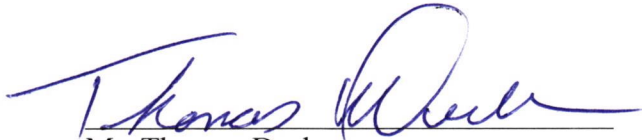
- A. Commission Member John Wesner
- B. Commission Member Maryann McNamara
- C. Commission Member Keashawn "Kay" Volmer
- D. Commission Member Rebecca Owen
- E. Commission Member Jane Slivka
- F. Vice-chair Harlow Middleton
- G. Chair Thomas Decker

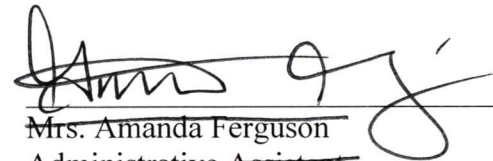
Future Meeting Dates

- A. November 28, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION BY REBECCA OWENS TO ADJOURN; JANE SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:40PM. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.


Mr. Thomas Decker
Chairperson


~~Mrs. Amanda Ferguson~~
~~Administrative Assistant~~
Gretchen Gomez
Parks & Rec Admin Coordinator