

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



**July 25, 2023
City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757**

Call to Order

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Chairman, Thomas Decker called to order the July 25 2023, Public Arts Commission meeting at 3:32 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Members Present

Harlow Middleton, Mayoral Appointee
Thomas Decker, District 2
Rebecca Owen, At-Large
Jane Slivka, District 3
Keashawn "Kay" Volmar, District 5

Also Present

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

Approval of Minutes

A. May 23, 2023 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

***MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SLIVKA TO APPROVE THE MAY 23, 2023
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES; COMMISSIONER
MIDDLETON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A
UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.***

Public Comment

Janet Gamache - Mount Dora Center of the Arts - Provided an update on working with artists to be awarded a grant to complete one of multiple projects in the City.

Susan Grogan - Resident - Reached out to 'Rose Marie Brown' to provide a quote to complete a mosaic of the stairs at Donnelly Park and Sunset Park.

Presentations

Action Items

A. Call to Artists for Concrete Steps at Sunset Park

Chairperson Decker wanted to discuss the amount that the City is offering for the Call to Artist,\$1,500, including supplies. Vice-Chair Middleton stated he thought it was a fair amount for what the city is requesting be completed. Chairperson Decker shared a previous experience with a Call to Artists which is that the payment was not enough for what was being asked to be completed.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MIDDLETON TO APPROVE THE CALL TO ARTISTS FOR CONCRETE STEPS AT SUNSET PARK; COMMISSIONER SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Commissioner Slivka makes a motion to strike the previously approved seconded by Commissioner Owen

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VOLMAR TO INCREASE THE PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES AND ARTIST PAYMENT TO \$2,000 FOR THE CALL TO ARTISTS FOR CONCRETE STEPS AT SUNSET PARK; COMMISSIONER OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

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

Mr. Carson advised that he met with Sherwin Williams at Cauley Lott Park to review the project and confirm they could provide the supplies needed. The crosswalk would be from Pine Avenue to the park. He also shared that he discussed the idea with the NECRA Board, to ensure they would be supportive of the idea. They did approve. However, to move forward they must have final approval of the art. The PAC board will need to have a special meeting in order to approve the artwork, prior to it going to the NECRA board for their final approval.

Chairperson Decker suggested the crosswalk on Pine Ave and Highland Ave. The payment and supply amount would need to be increased from the current \$1,000.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VOLMAR TO INCREASE THE PROJECT TO TWO CROSS WALKS AND INCREASE THE COMBINED TOTAL OF ARTIST PAYMENT AND MATERIAL COST TO \$5,000 THE CALL TO ARTISTS FOR ASPHALT CROSSWALK AT CAULEY LOTT PARK; COMMISSIONER SLIVKA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Discussion Items

City Staff

A. Staff Update

Director Shonk advised the board has \$100,000 in the next fiscal years budget, but it is subject to further budget cuts.

Communications and Reports

A. Commission Member John Wesner

B. Commission Member Maryann McNamara

C. Commission Member Jane Slivka

D. Commission Member Keashawn "Kay" Volmar

Very passionate about having the sides of buildings downtown turned into murals to help brand the city and make it more of a tourist attraction.

E. Vice-chair Harlow Middleton

Expressed that he believes the sculpture garden at the Mount Dora Music Hall is under utilized.

F. Chair Thomas Decker

Shared his idea to turn the waterfront into an Artwalk. He suggested that we obtain a conceptual design to start the project.

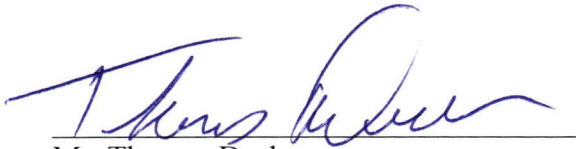
Future Meeting Dates

A. September 26, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

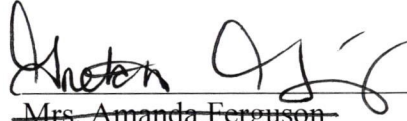
B. November 28, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Middleton motioned to adjourn, Elizabeth seconded at approximately 4:36 pm.



Mr. Thomas Decker
Chairperson



~~Mrs. Amanda Ferguson~~
~~Administrative Assistant~~

Gretchen Aimer
Parks & Rec Admin Coordinator