

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



**May 23, 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 April 4, 2023, Public Arts Commission meeting at 3:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Members Present

Harlow Middleton, Mayoral Appointee
John Wesner, District 1
Thomas Decker, District 2
Maryann McNamara, District 4
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
Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager

Mr. Chris Carson introduced Commissioner Jane Slivka and Rebecca Owen to the board. Each member took a moment to briefly introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A. April 4, 2023 Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Harlow to approve the April 4, 2023 Public Arts Commission Meeting minutes; Commissioner Kay Volmer seconded the motion. Motion Approved by all members.

Public Comment

Lindsey Perreault - Leesburg, FL - Mrs. Perreault is the drama teacher at Mount Dora High school. She expressed her love for the City of Mount Dora. She introduced the board to the drama program at the school. They strive to provide theatrical programs for their students. "Our goals: a safe, uplifting, educational environment for the students to learn. The strength of those character traits of bravery and vulnerability, while also pushing forth endurance, grit and perseverance." Mrs. Perreault informed the board that the drama program is hoping to do 3 productions next year.

Janet Gamache - Mount Dora, Center of the Arts - Announced the Center of the Arts is collaborating with MDPD and the City of Mount Dora to provide a free art camp at the MLK Center this summer on Wednesday from 11am-3pm. Also, they assisted 3 artists with developing applications to apply for a \$5,000 grant. She informed the commission that she went to the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals Conference last week, that it is a week long, occurs annually and that it is an extremely educational experience that she feels would benefit the individuals on the board.

Christine King- Harris - Mount Dora, FL, - Spoke about wanting the special events to be more of a collaboration, instead of the NECRA events being solely in and for the NECRA.

Presentations

Action Items

Resolutions

Ordinances

Discussion Items

- A. Possible Projects
- * Cauley Lott Park Crosswalk
 - * Downtown Utility Wall Mural
 - * Martin Luther King Center Mural

Mr. Chris Carson, reviewed the three projects previously discussed, the Cauley Lott Park Crosswalk Downtown Utility Wall Mural and the Martin Luther King Center Mural. He informed the board that the Wall Mural is planned to be demolished due to the installation of underground utilities, removing it as a possible art project. He reviewed the information he collected in a meeting with Sherwin Williams in regard to possibly completing the Cauley Lott Park Crosswalk, cost and color options, which are very limited. Mr. Carson suggested possibly having a workshop to discuss and determine what project should be completed.

Director Shonk advised that the board has \$9,000 left in the budget to spend before October 1st and advised them to come to a conclusion about a project to do with that budget. He also informed the board that the City Attorney advised that it is possible to complete a mural on a private building, but that it is a process. He advised that they would need to start the process immediately.

Susan Grogan, a member of the public, suggested the board look into the option of utilizing glass or ceramic tiles on the Donnelly Park staircase instead of utilizing paint. Commissioner Decker advised that it would not be cost efficient to use glass tile, but painted stairs would fit within the budget.

Commissioner Volmer said she would like to vote for the stairs at Donnelly Park and the Crosswalk. She also would like a mural that individuals could interact with. She suggested a hash tag, that would bring attention to the City of Mount Dora online.

Chair Decker stated he has no interest in completing the mural at the Marin Luther King Center if a grant was not received to cover the cost of it.

B. Budget Update & FY 23/24 Projects

Director Troy Shonk reviewed the budget for the 23/24 fiscal year. He shared that the Cottages on Eleventh will give the board \$1,000 for each lot is sold and that there is a one time donation \$27,000.

City Staff

- A. Staff Update
* Public Arts Master Plan

Communications and Reports

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

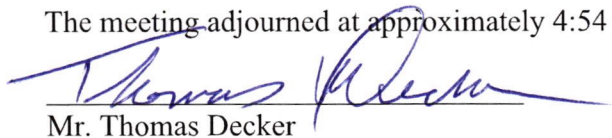
Future Meeting Dates

- A. July 25, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
- B. September 26, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
- C. November 28, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

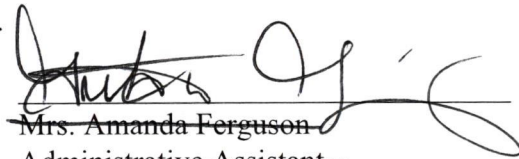
Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner McNamara; Seconded by Commissioner Slivka.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:54 p.m.



Mr. Thomas Decker
Chairperson



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

Gretchen Gómez
Parks & Rec Admin Coordinator