

CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
PUBLIC ARTS
COMMISSION
MINUTES



July 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 July 23, 2024, regular meeting of the Public Arts Commission at 3:40 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Thomas Decker
Rebecca Owen
John Wesner
Maryann McNamara
Kaeshawn Volmar
Lindsay Perreault

Also Present:

Troy Shonk, Parks & Recreation Director
Christopher Carson, Cultural & Special Events Manager
Jennifer Schwarz, Operations Manager
Gretchen Gomez, Parks & Recreation Admin Coordinator

Members Not Present:

Jane Slivka

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; COMMISSION MEMBER VOLMAR SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Volmar
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Perreault
Commission Member Owen
Commission Member Wesner*

NO None

AMENDMENT

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD BUDGET AND SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSSION ITEMS, MOVE DISCUSSION ITEMS ABOVE ACTION ITEMS, SWITCH D & E, AND REMOVE F FROM DISCUSSION ITEMS BY CHAIRPERSON DECKER; COMMISSION MEMBER OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Volmar
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Perreault
Commission Member Owen
Commission Member Wesner

NO None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Morris, Gallery Director, Mount Dora Center for the Arts:

Will meet with staff to find and identify all of Mount Dora Center for the Arts permanent collection works.

Carol Stephens:

Discussed a concern about the art pieces located at Simpson Cove. Ms. Stephens stated that people have voiced their opinion on the statues. Would like for the statues to be low in order to still see the view.

PRESENTATIONS

CITY STAFF

A. Staff Update

Discussion of budget, the remaining budget for future projects, and holding a special meeting on August 13, 2024 at 3:30pm.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Martin Luther King Center Mural

Artist, German Lemus, discussed the mural and what the art represents. With the removal of the tree that was covering some of the Martin Luther King Center, the mural would now expand.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER MURAL BY COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA; COMMISSION MEMBER WESNER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Volmar
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Perreault
Commission Member Owen
Commission Member Wesner

NO None

B. Approval of Simpson Cove Chair Repainting

Artist, Susan Grogen, presented different ideas in case the board decided against a refresh of the butterfly for the Simpson Cove Chair Repainting. Different ideas included a Peacock, Great Blue Heron, Angel Wings, and Animals.

Chairperson Decker asked if anyone had a public comment. Carol Stephens asked artist, Susan Grogen, if she uses an acrylic cover to protect the art. Ms. Grogen answered Ms. Stephens

question and informed her that yes, an acrylic cover is placed.

MOTION TO APPROVE A REFRESH/REPAINT OF THE SIMPSON COVE CHAIR REPAINTING NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE NOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Volmar
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Perreault
Commission Member Owen
Commission Member Wesner*

NO None

C. Approval of Light Pole Banners

Discussion ensued regarding light pole banners, their placement around Mount Dora, and adding specific pieces to highlight different times of the year. Christopher Carson asked Vice-Chairperson Kaeshawn Volmar if she would be interested in being involved. Ms. Volmar will present different artistic ideas at the August Special Meeting.

Public Comment by Artist, German Lemus, where he offers his artwork services from his business for the light pole banners.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMISSION MEMBER VOLMAR TO WORK WITH STUDIO ART FORM IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT ON THE DESIGN FOR THE LIGHT POLE BANNERS BY COMMISSION MEMBER SLIVKA; COMMISSION MEMBER PERREAULT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Volmar
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Perreault
Commission Member Owen
Commission Member Wesner*

NO None

D. Approval of Interactive Art Feature

Discussion ensued regarding the addition of a Harp Chime and the location of the art piece.

Public Comment by Paul Morris; suggested that the board look at other pieces of art. Public Comment by Janet Gamache; voiced her concern about the funds not being used on local artists. Public Comment by Dr. Christine Harris; voiced her opinion on the harp and bringing the community together through the harp.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERACTIVE ART FEATURE TO BE IN THE LOCATION OF THE ART SCULPTURE GARDEN OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA; COMMISSION MEMBER OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Volmar
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Perreault
Commission Member Owen
Commission Member Wesner*

NO None

E. Approval of Art Walk Sculpture

Janet Gamache from Mount Dora Center of the Arts presented various art sculptures from different artists.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHAIRPERSON THOMAS DECKER, CHRISTOPHER CARSON, AND JANET GAMACHE WORK TOGETHER ON THE ART WALK SCUPLTURE AND WILL NOT EXCEED \$40,000.00 BY CHAIRPERSON VOLMAR; CHAIRPERSON OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

*YES Chairperson Decker
Vice-Chairperson Volmar
Commission Member McNamara
Commission Member Perreault
Commission Member Owen
Commission Member Wesner*

NO None

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Commission Member John Wesner**
- B. Chairperson Thomas Decker**
Mr. Decker stated his dislike on the presentation of the mosaic donation and would like to discuss a policy for the next meeting.
- C. Commission Member Jane Slivka**
- D. Commission Member Maryann McNamara**
- E. Vice-Chairperson Keashawn “Kay” Volmar**

- F. Commission Member Rebecca Owen
- G. Commission Member Lindsay Perreault

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. September 24, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
- B. November 26, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

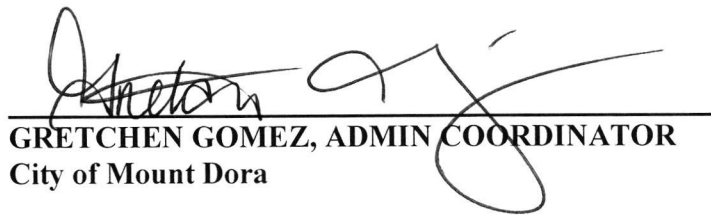
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER MCNAMARA TO ADJOURN; COMMISSION MEMBER OWEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:27 P.M.



THOMAS DECKER, CHAIRPERSON
City of Mount Dora



GRETCHEN GOMEZ, ADMIN COORDINATOR
City of Mount Dora