

MEMORANDUM



TO: JEFF MUCK, PRCS DIRECTOR
FROM: ALYSSA GOLLES, RECREATION SUPERVISOR
SUBJECT: CULTURAL ARTS ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE
DATE: JANUARY 5, 2023

Mayor and Council,

Please see the annual update on the great efforts taken up by the Cultural Arts Advisory Board.

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The Cultural Arts Advisory board allows Novi community members interested in arts and culture to share feedback on current programs and projects, bring new ideas for future programming and projects, and share their individual knowledge with the group.

The Cultural Arts Advisory Board currently consists of six community members and a staff liaison from both the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, and the Novi Public Library:

- Alyssa Golles – Recreation Supervisor – PRCS Staff Liaison
- Mary Robinson – Digital Services Librarian – Library Liaison
- Stephanie Hall
- Becky Staab
- Laura Williams
- Mahesh Wasnik
- Bicky Dhillon
- Morgaine Fambrough

The Advisory Board meets bi-monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at the Novi Civic Center. The Board has covered many topics over the past year; a noteworthy few are:

- The relocation of David Barr's sculptures to Fuerst Park. The three sculptures were previously on loan to the City of Farmington.
- Program ideas to attract new program participants to classes and activities such as adult and senior painting classes.
- The potential to add a large art piece to the future park property at Beacon Hill.
- Input and discussion regarding a new public art plan for the future of sculptures and art throughout the park system, including sponsorships, potential artists, and other community's programs to get inspiration from (i.e. Chelsea & Dexter).
- The selection of atrium artists for the 2023 calendar year.
- Input to the selection of Villa Barr artists in Resident.

In addition to the initiatives listed above, the Board began discussions regarding the Resource Management Plan for the Cultural Arts Advisory Board. This plan guides the Board on where they should focus attention and what projects may benefit from the Board's input. The overall goal of the Cultural Arts Advisory Board is to continually support and grow art and culture opportunities for the Novi Community.