



Pontiac Arts Commission

November 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

- I.
 - i. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners present: Carl Byerly, Portia Fields-Anderson and Robert Karazim. Commissioner Mike McGuinness arrived at 5:45 p.m., which resulted in quorum being reached. Commissioners absent: Kathryn Dimond, Mark Stone, Judy Wilson. Also present: Mayor Deirdre Waterman, Deputy Mayor Jane Bais-DiSessa, residents Maria Bermudez, Gloria Harris-Ford, Sabrina Jefferson.
 - ii. Byerly, Fields-Anderson, Karazim sworn in by City Clerk Sherikia Hawkins.
 - iii. The agenda was amended to add Public Comment unanimously, with the amended agenda adopted unanimously.
- II. Attendees were given an update on the application process for becoming Arts Commission members. Forms were provided to interested attendees.
- III. Old business items of the Better Pontiac Comic Book Artists Workshop, Downtown Pontiac West Alley Murals Project, Fourth Annual Halloween Party at the Pontiac Little Art Theatre and Display of Pontiac Student Artwork at City Hall were discussed. No action motions taken.
- IV.
 - i. The announcement of the Strand Theatre revealing Flagstar Naming Rights and discussion of theatre renovation progress discussed.
 - ii. Presentation made by Commissioner Byerly regarding concept of Fine Arts Camp for Pontiac Students. Motion made by McGuinness, seconded by Fields-Anderson for Arts Commission to formally adopt the Fine Arts Camp as an initiative. Motion carried unanimously.
 - iii. Commissioner Byerly discussed his concept of artwork, and performances at hospitals located within Pontiac. Commissioner McGuinness reported speaking to Pontiac Lions Club regarding collaboration with the Commission.
- V. Announcements shared from the floor, including Dec. 4 Tree Lighting, Dec. 5 Holiday Extravaganza Parade, Feb. 5th Pontiac Creative Arts Center Event and Feb. 6th Yaktown Poets Revue event at Creative Arts Center.
- VI. Motion to adjourn carried by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.