

# Pontiac Arts Commission

## December 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Mike McGuinness at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call of Commissioners** – Present: Mike McGuinness, Dr. Carl Byerly, Owen Edwards, Portia Fields-Anderson, Robert Karazim, Renee Voit-Porath, Judy Wilson (Quorum achieved 5:40 p.m.)  
Absent: Maria Bermudez, Sabrina Jefferson, Dwayne Anthony Lyons, Mark Stone.  
Community Members present: Lisa Konikow, Janeice Gage
- III. **Agenda** Approved unanimously.
- IV. **Minutes** Moved by Karazim, seconded by Byerly. Minutes adopted unanimously.
- V. **Public Comment:** Janiece Gage commented on the Holiday Extravaganza caroling. She stated that the performance was good, but felt that it was under attended.
- VI. **Chair's Report:** Mike McGuinness gave an extensive and informative written report outlining all of his commission related activities.
  - Worked on advancing Art Crawl Concept with commissioners Voit-Porath and Wilson.
  - Pursued our interest in mural activities with local mural artist Zach Curtis.
  - Attended the Tree Lighting and part of choir concert.
  - Follow-up on previous meetings action items.
  - Generated 64 PAC social media posts highlighting arts and cultural events, activities, organizations, and businesses in the Pontiac Community.
  - Reached out to Sculpture artist who have recently have had installations displayed in other communities
  - Met with City cable administrator Phil Brown.
  - Attended Accent Pontiac board meeting and Attended student concert at Walt Whitman school.
- VII. **Old Business:**
  - A. Annual Tree Lighting and Caroling concert-Dr. Byerly reported the it was a great show. Public and charter schools were represented with the addition of the Pontiac Mass Choir. Commission wants to continue its involvement. Renee Voit-Porath volunteered to join committee to help with next year's program.
  - B. Oakland University Pontiac Town Hall Meeting. Judy Wilson reported that Mark and Dwayne reported on the on the Arts component. They shared their experience at the Denver conference, validated the importance of music to the arts, and announced upcoming events.  
PAC was well represented at the Town Hall Meeting with Mark Stone, Renee Voit-Porath, Dwayne Anthony Lyons, Judy Wilson, and Mike McGuinness in attendance. Their reaction to the meeting to the event is that it was very successful and but needed more presentation time.
  - C. Pontiac City Hall Artwork display is being suggested (by Mike McGuinness) for area school artwork.
  - D. Summer Concerts in the Parks Series development is in limbo awaiting approval from the Mayor. Dr. Byerly shared his experience with the City of Flint's summer concert series. Commission supports this effort.
  - E. Pontiac Art Crawl-Judy and Lisa reported how other communities conduct art crawls.
- VIII. **New Business**
  - A. Meeting calendar for 2018 was approved. Moved by Wilson, seconded by Edwards
  - B. Mike suggested we make "Support the Arts" Buttons
  - C. Brainstorming for Arts Commission projects for2018. Discussion ensued about art crawls in business district similar to Washtenaw and Corktown.
- IX. Open Floor and Announcements- None
- X. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. Next meeting: January 8, 2018. Happy New Year!