

Pontiac Arts Commission February 13, 2017 Minutes

- A. **Meeting** called to order at 5:48 p.m. by vice-chair Dr. Carl Byerly.
Commissioners present: Dr. Carl Byerly, Portia Fields-Anderson, Kathryn Dimond, Owen Edwards, Robert Kerazim, Mike McGuinness (arrived late)
Commissioners absent: Mark Stone (arrived after meeting), Sabrina Jefferson, Dwayne Anthony Lyons, Judy Wilson,
Members present: Lisa Konikow,
Members absent: Renee Voit-Porath, Maria Bermudez
Also present: Mayor Dr. Deidra Waterman
Guest: Tanya Local Artist and Realtor
* Quorum not established
- B. **Agenda:** Accepted as presented
- C. **Minutes:** Accepted by consensus
- D. **Old Business**
Work Session revisited:
Review of reworked mission/vision statement ensued with Kathy Dimond passing to members a summary of previous meeting's work. Rene also sent comments for consideration.
Lively discussion resulted yet more progress that is to be summarized and brought to next meeting.
- E. **New Business**
Robert Kerazim reported on year three of Canvas Pontiac. DIA is still a partner in this endeavor. It is expanding to all Pontiac High Schools. Robert indicated that the schools need help in securing supplies for the project. Commissioners pledged support. Requested Robert get specific information on what each school, class or student would need. Lisa had suggestions on how to secure supplies.
- F. **Public Comment:** Tanya Medlock stated that she was interested in assisting with the revitalization of the city. She shared information on her community involvement. Spoke of a program called Powerhouse which deals with various cultural venues such as art, gardening, etc..
Shared information on a grant possibility called: Art Place America.
Tanya was invited to visit us again.
- G. **Mayor Waterman** reported on the Dream Cruise. The "Road Kill" event will be one week prior to the main event (Dream Cruise).
Seeking ideas for commission involvement. Last year was car art. This year?????????
- H. **Round Table** – Portia announced Black History Month Exhibit at the Pontiac Creative Art Center. The artists are Pontiac natives.

Next Meeting Monday February 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Portia Fields-Anderson