

# **Pontiac Arts Commission**

## **April 10, 2017 Minutes**

I. **Meeting** called to order at 5:39 p.m. by chair Mike McGuinness

**Commissioners present:** Mark Stone, Portia Fields-Anderson, Robert Karazim, Mike McGuinness, Dwayne Anthony Lyons, Sabrina Jefferson

**Commissioners absent:** Dr. Carl Byerly, Kathryn Dimond, Owen Edwards, Judy Wilson

**Community Members present:** Lisa Konikow, Renee Voit-Porath, Christian Marcillo, Tanya Stephens

**Guests:** Diane Baldwin, Oakland University; Andrea Rosenfeld, DABI

\* Quorum established (With the arrival of Sabrina Jefferson)

II. **Agenda:** Accepted as presented with additions to be discussed under new business: Moved by Fields, seconded by Karazim.

III. **Minutes:** March minutes approved by unanimous vote. Moved by Karazim, seconded by Stone.

IV. **Public Comments:** None

### V. **Old Business**

A. Canvas Pontiac: Commissioner Karazim reported 40 entries received. Entry deadline extended To May 19<sup>th</sup>.

B. Some supplies identified but more needed for students involved in Canvas Pontiac. Schools' musical instrument drive has identified string Instruments as the most immediate need, however, will take any other instruments. Denek Contractors pledged \$600, Robert Karazim pledged \$250 from his business K and R Studios

C. Detroit Art and Business (DABI) update/presentation: Andrea Rosenfeld (Founder and CEO) is promoting her educational seminar for artists to be empowered with knowledge to help them bridge art and business.

D. Oakland University/Pontiac partnership initiative update.- Mark Stone  
Diane Baldwin of OU and Mark spoke of the importance of the initiative to establish grassroots support and connection for OU artists. Commissioners wanted to be on record as being true supporters/partners of the P/OU initiative involving the Arts.. Official vote will occur at next meeting due to lack of quorum at time of vote. So motion is on the table.

E. Bloomfield Gateway Sign Project-No report.

F. Soul Food II update-Mark Stone/Dwayne Anthony Lyons reminded us that the next event will be on Mother's Day at PCAC. Need sponsors to pay musicians.

### VI. **New Business/Information/Presentations**

A. As scheduled, Andrea Rosenfeld from the Detroit Art and Business gave an interesting presentation on how the focus of her business is to empower professional artist to make money, network, and for students coming out of school to learn entrepreneurship. The result: Bridging art and business.

B. Grizz Night is on for this year. Plans are in the making to create a better and more relevant impact.

### VII. **Open Floor & Announcement**

Guest scheduled for next meeting: Artist Virginia Ficarra (Carra Millennium Tree of Life Creator)

VIII. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm. Next meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted-Portia Fields-Anderson