

Pontiac Arts Commission Meeting Minutes -- May 8, 2017

I. **Meeting** called to order at 5:35 p.m. by chair Mike McGuinness

Commissioners present: Dr. Carl Byerly, Judy Wilson, Portia Fields-Anderson, Mike McGuinness, Sabrina Jefferson, Mark Stone

Commissioners absent: Owen Edwards, Kathryn Dimond, Robert Karazim, Maria Bermudez

Community Members present: Lisa Konikow, Renee Voit-Porath, * Quorum established

II. **Agenda:** Adoption of agenda moved by Jefferson, seconded by Byerly. Motion unanimously adopted.

III. **Minutes:** Adoption of April minutes moved by Stone, seconded by Jefferson. Unanimously approved.

IV. **Public Comments:** Renee Voit-Porath announced that the BOX Gallery has a private opening; another kudos for downtown Pontiac.

V. Old Business

A. Oakland University/Pontiac partnership initiative update.

Tabled motion (Stone/Karazim) from April meeting (due to lack of quorum) was brought to the floor with a Stone/Wilson motion. Commissioners unanimously voted in favor of being official partners of the OU/Pontiac Initiative on Arts. Mark Stone is the OU representative.

B. Canvas Pontiac: Mike reminded commission that entries are still being accepted until May 19th.

C. Soul Food II. Mark Stone reported that SF II has received funding from the OU/Pontiac Partnership initiative. Passed out promotional cards.

D. Pontiac Schools' drive for art supplies and musical instruments.

- Mike McGuinness reported that several thousand dollars worth of art supplied received.
- Rogers School received a violin that was donated by a 1973 Pontiac Central graduate.
- Kirk in the Hills is conducting a musical program at Walt Whitman Elementary.

E. Grizz Night.-Mike reminded commission that brainstorming is still underway to make Grizz Night a great success. Suggestion to involve Erebus was discussed. Grizz Night will be in October.

F. Arts Commission outreach and community engagement-Renee Voit-Porath reminded us of the importance of promoting the presence and purpose of the Arts Commission. Mike reported that one attempt to do so is in the podcast "Art Explosion". He has done a number of them, with community member Melinda Kollins' assistance.

VI. New Business/Information

A. Commissioner Kathryn Diamond contacted the Chair, informing him of her intention to resign from the Pontiac Arts Commission.

B. Art, Fish, and Fun-Judy Wilson

Saturday June 10th, Beaudette Park. Commission will have a presence with an information table to house information materials for/from arts agencies, activities, and events from community.

C. Summer concert series put on by the city is being discussed, with the understanding that Dwayne Anthony Lyons has an organizing role for the concerts on behalf of the city.

D. Creative Cars Project will return for this year's Dream Cruise.

Shram Auto Parts will receive a resolution acknowledging their contribution to the "Paint the Car" project for Dream Cruise 2016. Mike will draft another resolution for Adlers Towing for their support.

VII. Open Floor & Announcement

Lisa Konikow - Arts, Beats and Eats has completed the jurying of the arts.

VIII. Meeting adjourned @ 6:45 pm. Next meeting June 12th.

Respectfully submitted-Portia Fields-Anderson