

Pontiac Arts Commission
January 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by chair Mike McGuinness at 5:30 pm. Quorum established at 5:40 pm.
- II. **Commissioners present:** Carl Byerly, Mike McGuinness, Sabrina Jefferson, Mark Stone, Portia Fields-Anderson, Renee Voit-Porath, Judy Wilson
Absent: Maria Bermudez, Dwayne Anthony Lyons, Owen Edwards, Robert Karazim
- III. **Agenda** approved unanimously.
- IV. **December Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Jefferson, seconded by Byerly; adopted unanimously.
- V. **Chair's Report:** Mike reported that the Oakland County Treasurer will be conducting an art contest on financial literacy, submission open until February 16, for students throughout Oakland County.
- VI. **Old Business:**
 - A. OU/Pontiac Partnership Update: Mark Stone reported that OU will be having an event called the Sounding Series on January 11th. This is where professors come together to speak on their work. Mark will speak on his travels and Arts commission. He also reported that the Third Soul Food Event will be hosted by the Religious Studies Department and performed at the OU in Varner Hall.
 - B. Concert in the Park development: None so far. Need meeting with Mayor to begin planning.
 - C. Pontiac Art Crawl Special Event development: Date scheduled for this event is May 4, 2018 from 5:00 to 10:00pm. First planning meeting, which is open to the public, will be on January 16th.
 - D. Pontiac City Hall Artwork Display Possibility: In discussion with Mayor for City Hall display; other public spaces discussed during meeting.
 - E. 2018 Pontiac Bicentennial Commemorations: Suggestion of Boulder with Plaque commemorating the bicentennial of the settlement of Pontiac (as a settlement, not a city).
 - F. Gave commissioners the meeting schedule for 2018.
 - G. Support the Arts button making: Suggested one use could be for Art crawl.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. ArtPlace Place Making Survey Completion: Mike McGuinness completed survey for Commission.
 - B. Pontiac Little Art Theatre Status update: No report-moved to next month's agenda.
- VIII. **Public Comment:** None
- IX. **Open Floor and Announcements:** Commissioner Mark Stone announced the next Soul Food event and passed out flyers and posters for distribution.
He also told us about be a school age concert at OU in Varner Hall on April 13th at 10:00 am.
Mike announced: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March will be at 9:00 am from Water Street to McLaren Hospital. Annual luncheon will be at St. George's Banquet Hall at 11:30.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Portia Fields-Anderson