

Pontiac Arts Commission
March 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by chair Mike McGuinness at 5:30 pm. Quorum established.
- II. **Commissioners present:** Dr. Carl Byerly, Mike McGuinness, Mark Stone, Judy Wilson, Owen Edwards, Robert Karazim, Portia Fields-Anderson, Renee Voit-Porath, Dwayne Anthony Lyons,
Members absent: Maria Bermudez,
- III. Community Members present: Lisa Konikow Guest: Tammy Gadsen-City Wide Choir Director
- IV. **Agenda** approved unanimously. Moved by Robert Karazim, seconded by Owen Edwards
- V. **Minutes approved:** Moved by Judy Wilson, seconded by Robert Karazim; passed unanimously.
- VI. **Chair's Report:** Reported that the Art's commission is approaching its three year anniversary. Presented a review of the Commission's involvement since its inception, such as: Grizz night, Canvas Pontiac, Art and Fish, holiday music festival, covered graffiti, creative car project for the Dream Cruise, art supply drive, summer arts camp, and more. Mike gave us a hearty thank you for our contributions to the events.
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. Support the Arts Buttons-Judy: More to be made.
 - B. Signage for City art projects-Robert Karazim.Suggested we survey community to identify local artist. Sub-committee working on project, waiting to get name of point person from Mayor.
 - C. Pontiac Arts and Culture Crawl update -Mike McGuinness. Next meeting at Alley Cat at 6:00 pm. Indicated that it is not too late to get involved in the planning. May 4th is the date for the Pontiac Art and Cultural Crawl. Plans include: Performances and displays are being considered such as concerts celebrating Pontiac talent, movie shorts, artwork displays, and a Pontiac alumni reception.
 - D. Canvas Pontiac-Robert Karazim. Announced that this program is in the 6th successful year. Also reported on the PLAT is a 100 seat venue.
 - E. Music in the Park-Mike McGuinness: Suggested two concerts this first year with one concerto be performed by youth musicians. The title could be the Unity and Community youth Concert. Focusing on the 3rd or 4th weekend in June.
 - F. Bicentennial Celebration- It was suggested that the celebration of Pontiac's Bicentennial could be a part of the Art and Cultural Crawl with exhibits.
 - G. Arts and Culture-Mark Stone: Concert to honor the music of Pontiac Native Thad Jones as part of the Oakland University /Pontiac Partnership. All members invited.
 - H. Murals-Pursuing CNN Rail to gain approval to create murals. Lisa reminded us of her interest and experience with murals.
 - I. Dream Cruise- Mike will serve as our liaison to the planning effort of this event.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. Council requested Commission to display monthly recognitions. Mike McGuinness has honored their request with two exhibitions. February: Black History Month and March: Women History Month. Will be about the Bicentennial and Dream Cruise.
- IX. **Announcements**
 - A. Owen announced and invited us all to the annual CityWide Choir Union concert to be held on June 3rd at St. Stephens Church. His guest, the choir director, volunteered to help with the Music in the Park event.
 - B. **Mark Stone** announced the upcoming world concert at OU on April 13th. Pontiac students are again being invited as guest.
 - C. **Sebrina Jefferson** announced a Quilt Show to be held June 9th
- X. **Adjournment:** 7:25 pm Next Meeting: April 9th.