

Pontiac Arts Commission
June 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Mike McGuinness at 5:42 pm. Quorum established.
- II. **Commissioners present:** Mike McGuinness, Portia Fields-Anderson, Renee Voit-Porath, Dwayne Anthony Lyons, Mark Stone, Owen Edwards. (Mayor Waterman joined meeting later)
Members absent: Dr. Carl Byerly, Maria Bermudez, Sabrina Jefferson, Robert Karazim, Judy Wilson
Community Members present: Lisa Konikow, Thomas Lawrence, Sonya Leduff-Malone; Special Presenter and renowned muralist Elton Duran, also present.
- III. **Agenda** Moved by Mark Stone, seconded by Portia Fields. Approved unanimously.
- IV. **Minutes approved:** Moved by Mark Stone, seconded by Portia Fields. Approved unanimously.
- V. **Chair's Report:** Thanked all those who helped make the first Arts Crawl a success.
- VI. **Old Business:**
 - a. Art Fish Fun: The Arts Commission had a successful presence during the Art Fish Fun Festival in Beaudette Park. McGuinness thanked Commissioners Wilson, Fields, and Voit-Porath for their assistance.
 - b. Canvas Pontiac: This year's canvases have been going up; event has not been announced. Main Street Pontiac requested that the Arts Commission formally be involved in next year's process, assisting with judging process and community outreach. Motion made by Stone, seconded by Lyons, to formally commit to assisting with judging and outreach for 2019. Motion approved unanimously.
 - c. Dream Cruise: McGuinness attended two municipal planning meetings on behalf of the Arts Commission and drafted and submitted a proposal for an arts-focused event inspired by the Arts Crawl to take place during the Dream Cruise the weekend of August 17 and 18. Awaiting feedback on the proposal from city.
 - d. Aaron Perry Park: McGuinness is assisting Leaders of the Future students who are painting mural and working on art installations in Aaron Perry Park this summer. Invited interested colleagues to participate.
 - e. Halloween Events: Main Street Pontiac held a planning meeting about community and cultural activities planned throughout month of October related to Halloween. McGuinness and Voit-Porath attended, will keep Arts Commission updated about further plans and activities as they materialize.
 - f. Oakland University/Pontiac Initiative: Stone announced that colleague Sean Dobbins from the Oakland University Music, Theatre, and Dance Department is now engaged with and supportive of the Initiative.
- VII. **Special Presentation:** A most impressive presentation on art in public spaces was presented by our special guest Elton Duran. He had pictures and passed out his magazine to each of us. The Mayor joined the meeting during the presentation. She was very intrigued with the presentation and indicated pursuing this area of interest with the Arts Commission helping to identify suitable spaces for murals. Commission members were excited about the presentation. He is very interested in working with community for creating art in Pontiac's public spaces.
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting: July 9th.

Respectfully submitted: Portia Fields-Anderson