



Meeting Minutes - Monday, June 13, 2022
Called to Order 6:35

- I. ROLL CALL – Present are Irma Hayes, Maria Bermudez, Karen Kobylak, Tia Harvey, Quincy Stewart, Judy Wilson; Present on Zoom Alex Resnick, Carl Byerly, Bianca Tucker, Bruce Cobb. Absent – Newlywed Ryan Tavaréz
- II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JWilson motioned, MBermudez seconded
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Change VI to read: Google Artist Survey; This addition makes Item VII *Public Comment/Announcements*; Item VIII *Adjournment*; Item IX *Next Meeting* to be corrected to read 6:30, not 5:30. MBermudez motioned, JWilson seconded
- IV. Status of Projects
 - a. Lawn Chair Concert Series – initially IHayes brought series to city and was told “we will fund concert series ...” since then changes made impacted rollout/production of series. In support of the series councilmen MMcGuinness offered \$3K, Goodman \$tbd. In their districts. Originally scheduled to begin 6/2, it was announced, fundraising in motion, it was stopped by Mayor’s office. We learned this from Alex Borngesser, Grants and Philanthropy for the City. IHayes had invoices for staging and sound. This delay caused sound and staging to withdraw verbal agreement. IHayes secured other sound and staging. Deposits required, so invoices were sent to the city along with Dirk Kroll, 6/10. City replied they cannot commit to agreements “until you have funding for entire year’s [proposed] events”. IHayes put all items in place, but doesn’t know what to do anymore. Advertising and print promo in limbo. Discussion: months ago, \$30K allotted to districts, can we work with that? Sponsors committed funds based on the schedule of events.
QStewart – where in City Charter or ?? is it that position of grant writer can dictate process?
CByerly – this calls for face to face with mayor. THarvey – approach for clarity, not with combative spirit. How do we do this, how does this happen? Consensus to request a special meeting with Mayor, Alex Borngesser, Khalfani Stevens – seeking clarity. We want to do everything right. CByerly asked we also invite Mike McGuinness as he’s familiar with history and as Council President all parties are involved in conversation.
THarvey – asked do we prioritize one event we can afford?; KKobylak – prepare for different potential outcomes from this proposed meeting; QStewart – outcomes of meeting may determine our plan B. IHayes – Mayor said “move Art Crawl to after July 1, and City will pay for it.”
Slate of proposed events:
 - i. June 30th; 6:30pm Pontiac Comedian Mike Geeter 7:30pm Dirk Kroll, Goldner Walsh Theatre (District 2) – DECISION must be made by 6/17.
 - ii. July 14; 6:30pm Kisma Jordan 7:30pm Karema Jenkins DeJesus, Galloway Lake Park (District 5)
 - iii. July 28; 6:30pm Accent Pontiac 7:30pm Pancho Villa Skull, Jaycee Park (District 4)

- iv. August 11; 6:30pm Paula Moye 7:30pm Quincy Stewart Oakland County Historical Society (District 3)
 - v. August 25, 6:30pm William Cyprian 7:30 Jill Marie Hamilton and Groove Session, Murphy Park (District 7)
 - vi. September 8, 6:30pm TBA 7:30 Gwen Fox and Friends, Charlie J Harrison Park, (District 6)
 - vii. REMOVED - September 22; 6:30pm TBA; 7:30 TBA, School Administration Building/City Hall BackYard, (District 1) *We had been planning for Ronnie McNeir but he now has another commitment.
- b. The Pontiac Arts Crawl – goal of having Pontiac Creative Arts Center included as a SMART shuttle stop, so attendees can see the gallery, more art. However, PCAC’s plan to charge artists and vendors is unacceptable. Also learned they would charge for parking. Attendees to events SMART supports with free shuttle service cannot be charged for parking. KKobylik and IHayes will arrange meeting with PCAC to clarify requirements.; THarvey requested strategic planning meeting after this season’s lineup.; Vendor’s application needed w/permit.
- c. The Strand Marque Concert Series – performance supported by PAC: Libertad, Sabor y Sonido
July 23 4:00
- Headlining: Sammy Deleon y su Orquestra 7:00
 - Mariachi Femenol 5:00
 - Alina Morr Urban Tropica
- AResnick shared: June 25 Marquee Concert Series Kickoff - headliner Thornetta Davis Concert at 4; with Makers market @ 3; Oakland youth enrichment [fair June 25, 3-6] – representatives from all community youth opportunities with fun youth activities.
- d. Still Bonded!! July 29 Opening Reception 4-7 – PAC committed to \$5K;
ADVERTISING fundraiser – sell ads to go in program booklets generated for every event.
Portion of Bonded revenue will go to PAC. Yum Village food vendor; Black Spirits will supply alcohol tasting.
- e. Hoopty Nightmare August 23 – many looking forward to it. One voice of dissention heard was that people work on cars 365, and now anyone with rinky dink cars can have an event. Group consensus was that perhaps this is not the event for those represented by the *one voice*.
- f. HipHop Conference – ON HOLD PENDING FUNDING
- Steering Committee: Binx Vadar, Wil Black, Ced Leduff, Rae Love, RoSpit Irma Hayes; Max Durillo
 - Sept 9 & 10
- g. Hauntiac Nighttime Open Air Fair September 9 – no updates

V. Update on Grant Money – Judy Wilson – Alex Borngesser reported to us that a Project Support and a Capital Improvement grant have been submitted by the City to Michigan Arts and Culture Council to benefit the Arts Commission activities.

- a. Sponsorship Update – Williams International \$25K; DTE \$10K; SMART \$2500; Local Hop \$1K
- b. In Kind – SMART \$2500

VI. Google Survey was created by RTavarez and JWilson as first step toward creating an Artists Database, goal of which is to have a central database, accessible by public, to locate and commission/hire local artists. The survey was emailed to all Arts Commissioners. Reply and

feedback requested as soon as possible.

- VII.** PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS – BCobb working on opening Blu Dragon and will be performing at June 19 Pontiac Farmer’s Market; Accent Pontiac – Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival providing Performance and Creative Session with benefit AP’s youth, 6/23, 2:30 @ Alley Cat Cafe; Welcome Missionary Baptist Juneteenth Celebration: June 17 Hip Hop, June 18 R & B, June 19 Jazz, a march at 1:00 from the corner Bagley & Wesson to Elbert Hatchet’s (Stop and Shop) down Johnson. African drumming will be taking place when all pull up, followed by a presentation about beginning of Juneteenth. Other attractions: pop-ups, vendors, QStewart performing, and others; All Saints Church Sunday 6/19 Pride event – church service 10:30 am; KKobylik starting FB events for PAC activities, not launched, sitting in PAC FB page as unpublished event, all Commissioners welcome to preview.
- VIII.** ADJOURNMENT – Mbermudez motioned; QStewart seconded at 7:50
- IX.** NEXT MEETING – Monday, July 11, 2022@ 6:30pm Zoom/In-person Mix