



**Meeting Minutes - Monday, June 10, 2024 – 6:30pm**

**Location: El Piqasso Art Studio - 40 W. Howard St. Suite 304. Pontiac, MI 48342**

- I. ROLL CALL 6:45: Dr Tia Harvey, Bruce Cobb, Karen Kobylk, Ivan Quiñones, Maria Bermudez, Quincy Stewart. Absent: Marsha Easley, Mike Marting, Bianca Tucker. Guests: Robyn Seay, Events Coordinator, City of Pontiac
- II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES QStewart motioned, Mbermudez seconded, passed.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – IQ motioned MBermudez seconded, passed.  
PAC personnel – welcome new Commissioner Karen Kobylk; Ubadah McConner resigned. He will be missed.
- IV. Guests from 40 W Howard – IQuiñones spoke of community in building; discussion about how the artists can be better supported within and by the City. IQuiñones agreed to lead the effort to have art displayed in City, in retail/restaurant spaces, windows of vacant properties; RSeay suggested kick off with exhibit in City Hall (2x annually) to raise awareness of art being displayed in retail spaces. JWilson suggested exhibits/displays be Promoted in City newsletter.
- V. Old Business
  - a. *Art Fish Fun* recap – successful turnout; guests took survey and were excited about Music in the Parks. Handouts for both and for the Arts Crawl *Call for Participant* were distributed.
  - b. Survey – Status update – spread the word. JWilson emailed surveys to City Council members and requested they share among constituents. Commissioner Carrington responded in support.
    - i. Promote!
  - c. Strategic Planning – continue to address, tentatively meeting in fall. QStewart advised that holding the planning after summer events conclude will provide opportunity for post-events assessment that will strengthen planning efforts.
  - d. Events
    - i. *Music in the Parks* – RSeay – invited council members, by postal mail, to play key role, eg. introduce artists; MMartin drafted letter to send; MBermudez also invited them to play roles and to get constituency to attend; MMcGuinness adding to City Council meeting tomorrow as announcement and will keep it on their agenda as a recurring announcement. QStewart emphasized the





importance of getting contracts out to artists and give artists time to secure musicians. In the future, get contracts to artists early with compensation, time, and location. RSeay expressed frustration over delays caused by requirements from City with regard to contracts and insurance to be carried by musicians. All present with a history in music event production shared that they have never been required to carry their own insurance. Insurance is needed, however, should not be a burden passed on to performers, as it is a City sponsored event. MBermudez suggested that, after this summer's events, the PAC request the City/Commission carry an insurance policy to cover Commissioners and all involved in events we produce and identify as City entity and as stand-alone body. BCobb suggested we look into obtaining Accord Insurance. THarvey will bring all this to Mayor's attention. JWilson recommended we have PAC banner produced to display at events. RSeay will look into getting banner production in motion. JWilson will send PAC logo to RSeay.

ii. *Pontiac Arts Crawl* – Visual and performing artists are needed. Reconsidering registration fee and may cancel to avoid red tape and delays. RSeay will look into upcoming online payment system and whether or not there's a GL code for Arts Commission. To date, 15 have applied – five visual artists, ten musicians. We need to recruit artists. Discussion of various artists/performers Commissioners have or will reach out to took place. THarvey will create a graphic for artists to use to publicize '*I am part of Pontiac's 2024 Arts Crawl*' in weeks leading up to Sept. 7. She will also create a *Save the Date* promo piece.

e. Commission Vacancy

i. Karen Kobylik has joined the Commission. One vacancy remains.

## VI. New Business

a. Attendance at events

i. *Music in the Parks* – MBermudez, KKobylik and IQuiñones to facilitate survey on June 20.

ii. *Juneteenth Celebration* – Arts Commissioners are expected to attend all events as able.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT – JWilson motioned QStewart seconded, passed.

Adjourned 8:26PM.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 6:30pm | Pontiac City Hall - Shriner's Room. MBermudez will lead this meeting.

