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Arts & Cultural Commission Meeting of the Arts and Cultural Commission of Oak Park Wednesday, March 23, 2016 7:00 pm Community Center Room 4 MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:09 pm
2. Roll Call:
 - A. PRESENT: Chairperson: Michele Stevenson, Vice Chairperson: Deni Rome; Secretary: Elizabeth Fritz-Cottle, Sudha Chandra Sekhar, Terri McQueen, Heidi Bisson, Lynn Copeland, Ayanna Smith, Department Representative Denise DeSantis, City Representative Mayor Marian McClellan
 - B. ABSENT: Ron Clegg, Council Member Ken Rich
3. Approval of March 23, 2016 Agenda: Motion: Terri McQueen; Second: Heidi Bisson; Unanimous: YES.
4. AMENDED Approval of Minutes January 27, 2016: Motion: Michele Stevenson; Second: Ayanna Smith; Unanimous: YES.
5. WELCOME to New Commissioner Ayanna Smith
6. Old Business
 - A. State of the City Address was recorded and can be found via the City Website and the City's YouTube Channel.
 - B. City Liaison Denise DeSantis reviewed Deputy City Clerk Cherilynn Brown suggestions regarding minutes, agenda-setting, and coordination with the City. As of March 2016, the Commission shall have one full week to provide the City with a copy of the minutes from the previous meeting. Similarly, the Commission shall draft the agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting within one week of the previous meeting, providing for an additional three days to garner feedback from Commission members. Within two weeks of the upcoming meeting, the City shall have a copy of the drafted meeting minutes and drafted agenda.
 - C. Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 OPACC Events and Focus Discussion Budget and Plan: After reviewing the submitted suggestions, the Commission voted to focus efforts on the following three activities:
 1. Pop Up Dance Party: Planned for June 2, 16, 23, 30th of 2016. Terri McQueen to facilitate and host with support from the Commission. Dance parties will occur at Shepherd's Park and will use the City shelters;
 2. Community Art Project: A series of three to four workshops done in concert with the Library's youth program to promote art-making, culminating in a single display or unique art piece that may be displayed in the City;
 3. Art Lecture/Art Activities: No more than 10 events shall be planned throughout the year and shall include musical, dance, art, lectures, and other art projects for the community. Events will be held at the

library or the community center. Included within these activities are four artist receptions to be held quarterly at City Hall following Monday night's City Council Meetings.

Events were determined and passed through straw poll format; each Commissioner received two votes and the top three concepts were chosen. Secretary made notes of other suggested concepts for future project ideas.

7. New Business:

A. Determined Budget for FY 16 - 17:

1. Pop Up Dance Party: \$1,000
2. Community Art Project: \$500
3. Art Lectures, Workshops, and Receptions: \$1,400

Total Budget recommended by Commission to City Council: \$2,900.

Motion to pass budget: Deni Rome;

Motion seconded to pass budget: Michele Stevenson;

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Artist Receptions:

1. Joshua Mulligan's artist reception may occur on May 2nd or May 16th. Denise DeSantis to coordinate with Mr. Mulligan for his preference. Joshua's art to be displayed until the end of May;
2. Shirley Lolles' artist reception is tentatively planned for July 18th or August 1st; the Commission will coordinate with Ms. Lolles to determine preference for the reception. Also, the Commission will assist Ms. Lolles curate and display artwork.

C. Bel Canto Choir would like to present a choral recital for the City of Oak Park and is requesting a fee of \$300. The Commission counters that it would be willing to provide \$100 for the Choir, and Michele Stevenson will inform the Choir of the counter fee. Motion to counter the choir's fee of \$300 with a \$100 fee; if the Choir agrees to a \$100 stipend, the Commission will support and publicize the event: Elizabeth Fritz-Cottle; Seconded by Deni Rome. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Agenda 21 Musical Group: Describes themselves as a political group and would like to perform for the city. Commission needs more information about the extent of the politicism of the group before recommendation. Michele Stevenson to inquire with Steven Gamburd, group's representative.

8. Finance Report: \$2,318.01

9. Members' and local upcoming art and cultural events:

A. April 7, 2016: Terri McQueen plays the UFO Factory. TIME: 10PM - 2AM.
PLACE: UFO Factory;

B. April 29, 2016: Oak Park's International Dance Festival. TIME: 6PM - 8PM.
PLACE: Oak Park Community Center;

10. Adjournment: 9:06 PM

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Oak Park Community Center
~ 4th Wednesday of the month in 2016 ~