



CITY OF OAK PARK
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Arts & Cultural Commission
Meeting of the Arts and Cultural Commission of Oak Park
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 7:00 pm
Community Center Room 4
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:03 pm
2. Roll Call:
 - A. PRESENT: Secretary: Dawn Sketch, Sudha Chandra Sekhar, Ron Clegg, Denise Rome, Heidi Bisson, Lynn Copeland, Elizabeth Fritz-Cottle, Council Member Mayor McClellan
 - B. ABSENT: Chairperson: Michele Stevenson (excused), Vice Chairperson: (vacant), DeLashea Strawder, Terri McQueen (excused), Department Representative Denise DeSantis, Council Member Ken Rich
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion: Deni Rome, Second: Elizabeth Fritz-Cottle
4. Approval of Minutes November, 2015: Motion: Deni Rome, Second: Lynn Copeland
5. Old Business
 - A. Corridor Improvement Update by Mayor McClellan.
 - B. Brainstorming session resulted in the idea to focus on two main projects in 2016, with smaller, monthly events working toward that goal. We will fine tune this in January.
 - i. "Landscape Design"
 1. Lecture on plants and flowers in our zone.
 2. Art project with landscape pavers
 3. Hands on project in the community to develop pocket parks.
 - ii. "Murals in the Community Center"
 1. Artist in residence (would need to be vetted) will work with the community to develop the idea, approval process, sketch it on walls.
 2. Community members including young adults to help paint.
 - iii. "Summer Arts & Parks Program". We would also like to work with Parks & Recreation for summer programs with young adults as inspired by November's guest speaker from Springwells Village in Detroit.

iv. Other ideas:

1. Events throughout the community since we don't have our own space. Perhaps sketching at a boutique or a church.
2. Local architecture study
3. Rent space to do activities at Home Depot, Michaels, Berkley's Articipate.

C. OPAACC Banner – discuss pricing, and type. Rework our logo before proceeding.

D. Grants

- i. There are fewer grants for a municipal organization. Collaborate with the Friends of the Library (501c3) for programming.
- ii. Work on gaining sponsorships for funding.

6. Finance Report: \$3,118.01

7. Adjournment: 8:49 pm

~ Next meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center ~

~ 4th Wednesday of the month in 2016 ~