

STERLING HEIGHTS ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 Meeting

Location: Sterling Heights City Hall, 40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, Conference Room 202

Members Present: Ron Bindle, Jan Burns, Judi Dent, Frank DiMaria, Jazmine Early, Grace Finazzo, Margaret Frontiera, Jeanne Schabath, John Stampor, Mona Yassine, Stacy Ziarko

Members Absent: David Bollman

Representing the City: Bridget Doyle, Karen Kazmer

Meeting called to order at 6:00

COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS:

A resident contacted Ron Bindle regarding the condition of the Upton House. Per Jeanne Schabath the Citizens Advisory Committee has approved \$50,000 for repairs and improvements to the Upton House.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES :

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the November 1, 2016 Art Commission made by Frank DiMaria .

Seconded by: Jazmine Early

Ayes: all

Nays: none

AGENDA ITEMS :

A. Featured Artist

- No applications were received for review for the Featured Artist program.

B. Memorial Day Parade

- Community Relations will contact Greg Bowman regarding his participation as Grand Marshal of the 2017 Memorial Day Parade.
- Commission members reviewed the parade application; guidelines will be updated on the application and application will be noted as amended on January 3, 2017.
 - ✓ Guideline #1 will include wording regarding individuals who are not elected or appointed are not be allowed to participate with unrelated or outside groups (wording will first be approved by City Attorney)
- **Motion** to select "Honoring Service & Sacrifice" as the theme for the 38th Annual Sterling Heights Memorial Day Parade made by Ron Bindle.
Seconded by Stacy Ziarko Ayes: all Nays: none
- The application will include a link which will provide suggestions for floats to focus on the parade theme.
- Commission members request the theme be highlighted on the parade application.
- Jeanne Schabath suggested the Traveling Michigan Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall and the Missing Man Table is present at the parade.
- Ron Bindle had suggested the City partner with the Detroit Parade Company for floats/big heads at the parade.

C. Sterlingfest

- Commission members would like an artist tent at Sterlingfest strictly for youth.
 - ✓ Judi Dent suggests a flyer be made inviting young artists to participate; Ms. Dent will distribute
 - ✓ Stacy Ziarko stated the Plymouth Art Fair features a youth tent
 - ✓ Members agreed to a minimal charge for the artists
- Bridget Doyle suggests two-four artist booths be reserved for “fine artists”.
 - ✓ Commission members would vote on selected artists
 - ✓ Artists would have to apply for a spot
 - ✓ Artists would be first-time artists to Sterlingfest
 - ✓ Selected artists would only be allowed as a one-time selection
 - ✓ Application and letter would state “you are being invited to apply”
 - ✓ Selected artists would be charged a nominal fee
 - ✓ A media release would promote this new initiative

D. Election of 2017 Art Commission Officers

- **Motion** to elect Jeanne Schabath as Art Commission Chair and Stacy Ziarko as Art Commission Co-Chair made by Ron Bindle.
 Seconded by: Mona Yassine Ayes: all Nays: none

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mona Yassine spoke with an art teacher regarding the Children Art Program; Ms. Yassine will invite the teacher to the February meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Margaret Frontiera announced she is resigning from the Art Commission since she has moved to Shelby Township.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:05 p.m. made by Ron Bindle.

Seconded by: Stacy Ziarko Ayes: all Nays: none

NEXT ART COMMISSION MEETING: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6 p.m.