

STERLING HEIGHTS ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday, June 7, 2022 Meeting
Location: City Hall, Conference Room 028

Members Present: Ron Bindle, Jan Burns, Barbara Chudzik, Sheri Marwede, Patrick Michalski, Wendy Popko, Krystina Richardson and Jeanne Schabath-Lewis and Debie Tao.

Members Absent: Gary Lusk

Representing the City: Sue Giallombardo

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES :

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 Arts Commission meeting, as amended; motion made by Burns; Seconded by: Marwede Ayes: all Nays: none

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Memorial Day Recap

- Giallombardo thanked those members that volunteered to help coordinate the parade and added that everything went well. She added that while she helping with the staging so wasn't able to witness the ceremony, but said that she heard several positive comments. Ray Nadolski sent a nice thank you email and said he was honored to act as Grand Marshal.
- Burns noted that there were people selling flags along the parade route, which slowed down the procession, and also said that individuals were campaigning. Giallombardo added that the application states that campaigning isn't allowed, but it's difficult to control people along the route. Also, groups should not be selling flags; Giallombardo will add this to the application going forward.
- Popko stated that cars with the Shriners group were back-firing during the ceremony, and asked if they could be staged somewhere else. Giallombardo stated that they would consider other locations, but could not think of a spot at the time. She stated that she would ask the Shriner organization to refrain from running their vehicles during the ceremony.

B. Review of Parade Bands and Floats

- Giallombardo showed photos of all of the floats that were in the parade: Moslem Shriners, American Polish Century Club, Girl Scout Troop 76912, Romeo Peach Queen and Boy Scout Troop 154. Members voted to award 1st place to Girl Scout Troop 76912 and 2nd place to the Witamy float from Polish Century Club. Giallombardo will mail a letter of congratulations, a certificate and their check to each awardee.
- Giallombardo showed video clips of each band: 1st Michigan Colonial Fife & Drum, Ford High, Moslem Shriners, Sterling Heights High, Cousino High, American Polish Century Club, Ecorse High and Chandler Park Academy. Members voted for Cousino for 1st place, and Ecorse for 2nd place. Giallombardo stated that in the past, Community Relations ordered trophies for the winning bands, but it was hard to get the band director to come to City Hall, since it's the end of the school year. Giallombardo stated that she will

order a flat type of trophy, and will mail them along with their letter and certificate.

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- Giallombardo stated that there is a total of 98 artists, and 6 kid artists. She said that she will have a list of all of the artists, in order of their booth numbers. She asked members to pick their favorites by noon on Saturday. The vendor that receives the most votes will be invited to return in 2023 for free. The second place vote-getter will be invited back at half of the booth fee.
- Giallombardo added that members are welcome to volunteer in other areas if they are available, which would include booth sitting for artists or sitting at the information table. Giallombardo said to let her know if you're available and when, and she will keep a schedule.
- Giallombardo will mail parking passes to committee members that will allow parking behind City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Giallombardo stated that there are available kits for any members wanted to stencil the storm drains in their neighborhood. Each install only takes about 15 minutes. Follow up with Giallombardo if interested.

NEW BUSINESS :

- Giallombardo stated that the next regular meeting would fall on the Tuesday after the Labor Day holiday, and asked members if they would like to meet on Tuesday or Wednesday. Members decided that Wednesday would work best.

NEXT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 at 6 p.m.