

MINUTES OF THE REGULER MEETING
OF THE
ST. CLAIR SHORES CULTURAL COMMITTEE
Council Chambers
Wednesday, June 9, 2021

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Amy Lockard
Treasurer: Eileen Sullivan
Secretary: Madeline Bialecki
Members: Bob Knapp
Carla LaGodna
Dawn Sketch

Council Liaison: Candice Rusie

Alternate: James Daniska

Library Director: Rosemary Orlando

EXCUSED:

Member: Cindy Gardner

AUDIENCE: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lockard called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Daniska, supported by Sullivan, to adopt the agenda.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Knapp, LaGodna, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by LaGodna, supported by Lockard, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2021.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Knapp, LaGodna, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sullivan reported there was a \$300 expenditure for the Literary Walk. Sullivan reported an account balance of \$2,825.68 as of May 31, 2021.

It was moved by Bialecki, seconded by Sketch, to receive and file the financial report.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Knapp, LaGodna, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Kristyne Demske of C&G Newspapers wrote to Orlando for information about the Literary Walk. She wants to do a piece for the paper.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Zoom Presentations

Lockard reported 12 people attended the virtual DIA presentation on DETROIT STYLE: CAR DESIGN IN THE MOTOR CITY, 1950-2020.

ACTION ITEM: Bialecki will contact the DIA about doing another Zoom presentation on Tuesday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

A Zoom license would cost \$150. Rusie said there is a City license which other Committees have used.

ACTION ITEM: Rusie will look into the possibility of the Cultural Committee using the City's license.

Lockard asked for suggestions of other virtual presentations. Knapp asked what type of speakers we would want, and Lockard gave examples. Sketch asked if presenters were paid, and Lockard said some speakers request payment; the DIA presentations are free. Rusie said the Blossom Heath concerts start in July on Mondays.

ACTION ITEM: Lockard will contact Gardner to get contact information for speakers who were scheduled pre-pandemic.

ACTION ITEM: Daniska will forward contact information about his friend who plays the piano and was going to do a presentation pre-pandemic.

B. Photo Contest

Sketch handed out a draft of the photo contest information sheet and registration form, and she thank members who submitted comments and suggestions in response to her email. Rusie commented that City could handle registration payments online. After a discussion, it was decided that:

- i. only digital prints would be accepted;
- ii. a youth category would be added (up to age thirteen);
- iii. a panel of professional photographers would judge the photos;
- iv. prizes of gift cards from local businesses would be awarded in each category and donating businesses would be credited as sponsors of the event;
- v. categories would be: Animals/nature, fine art/manipulation, macro, portrait/people; and
- vi. pictures can be of people and places outside the City, but entrants must be City residents or students who attend City schools.

Suggested professional judges include Tom Sherry, Ron Warren, Robert Stark and Sarah Rose.

Lockard asked what we would do with the funds raised through registration. Sketch suggested it go to our general fund, and she suggested that next year we set the goal of having the contest in spring and show photos at the Literary Walk.

It was moved by Bialecki, supported by Lockard that committee members can secure judges without further Cultural Committee approval.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Knapp, LaGodna, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

ACTION ITEMS: Rusie will talk to City Manager about setting up payment and the City's Attorney about a disclaimer and statement of rights and usage to be added to the form.

Bialecki will get a list of potential sponsors.

Lockard will reach out to Sarah Rose about being a judge, and contact Becky in the City's Communication Office to promote the contest via the City's cable station.

Sketch will update the form and email it to the committee members. She will ask Ron Warren and Robert Stark to be judges and contact local school districts to inform them of the contest.

Sullivan will ask Tom Sherry to be a judge.

C. 3rd Annual Literary Walk by the Lake.

Orlando handed out flyers for the event and asked people to post them and spread the word via social media.

Orlando asked about the frequency of promoting events on the Cultural Committee website and social media and suggested reminder posts nearer the dates of events.

D. Chamber Music Concerts in Wahby Park

Rusie reported the concerts start on July 12, at 7 p.m. and go for eight weeks. Parks and Rec took over the concerts from Kiwanis.

E. Lighthouse

Daniska asked if the committee wants to restore the lighthouse (which has been in his garage for three years). It will take at least ten-twelve hours to restore the mosaics. Rusie suggested taking pictures to see what shape it is in. Lockard suggested The Art Shack might be interested in helping.

ACTION ITEMS: Daniska will email photos to the Committee.

Lockard will contact The Art Shack.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adirondack Chairs. Sketch suggested a future project of Adirondack chairs painted by local artists. The lighthouses were done by the Cool City Committee. Rusie suggested connecting with the Cool City Committee and see if we could do a joint venture.

ACTION ITEM: Lockard will contact Joe Fresard, the chair of the Cool City Committee.

VIII. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

New member Bob Knapp introduced himself. He is a retired hospice chaplain and is interested in helping however he can.

IX. AUDIENCE

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by LaGodna, supported by Sketch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Ayes: Bialecki, Daniska, Knapp, LaGodna, Lockard, Sketch, Sullivan

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Bialecki, Secretary