

# BOARD NOTES



## Arts and Culture Commission

### Regular Meeting

March 3, 2022; 7:05PM

Notes were taken by Colleen Burke

#### 1. Call to order

#### 2. Roll call

**City:** Karolynn Faulkner

**Commissioners Present:** Timothy Price, Lynn Blasey, Colleen Burke, Dusty Conley, Dwydell Garrett

**Commissioners Absent:** Faina Lerman

**Public:** James Zobeleski

#### 3.. Announcements by Public Officials

None

#### 5. Public Comment (two minutes limited to Arts and Culture Commission and Beautification issues)

None

#### 6. Approval on Agenda

Motion- Dusty

Second- Dwydell

#### 7. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

Motion - Dusty

Second – Dwydell

## SECTION I: AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion/Action/Information

### 1. Discussion, and bring motion forward to meeting quarterly, and calling special public meetings when needed. Suggest calling special meeting sometime in May, then regular 2.June – (Tim)

i. Lynn voices concern about keeping subcommittees accountable and moving forward.

ii. Colleen voices concern about the busy year ahead concerning Hamtramck: Our City project

iii. Discussion about how we can communicate outside of public meetings

iv. Karolynn reinforces that we can call special meetings if needed.

v. Dusty - meeting in May is needed, let's see how this goes,

vi. Tim - will help us be more productive to work in teams and call special meetings as needed

vii. Dwydell - can we meet at Zussman when the weather allows, does that count as city hall for public meetings? Karolynn will look into this.

viii. Motion-Tim

ix. Second-Dusty

x. Vote 100% Passes

### 2. Update from subcommittee reviewing bylaws (Tim/Lynn)

i. Tabled until May meeting, ideas are forming

### 3. Mural project along the *Joe Louis Greenway* as part of the City's CDBG award – (Ross/Tim)

i. Tim and Lynn attended a Zoom meeting last Monday with Lucius from Wayne County to establish relationship between him and Arts and Culture Commission directly

i. Concerning the Bank on Holbrook at Jos Campau (alley)

ii. Grant was awarded to the city through Michigan Economic Development Commission

### 4. Reaction of HACC newsletter + and what about a HACC membership? (update) – (Tim)

i. Subcommittees submitted write ups about their projects, Tim will use for year end report to Council

ii. Commissions now have space at the beginning of Council Meetings to discuss projects

i. the mayor is the contact before the meeting, go through Lynn or Tim (chairs)

ii. noon Wednesday before the following Tuesday Council meeting is the deadline

### 5. HHM & HHC subcommittee update for *Centennial* and logo & banners – (Tim, Lynn & Colleen)

i. Logo approved, Dave Tonies (Dos Loco Taco) won the the contest for the official logo

ii. 3C7 and Midtown Block Club - 100 Trees Planted - Colleen will add anyone to the email list

iii. How should the Commission participate in the Centennial

1. Dwydell - bike rally idea, invite different bike clubs (bicycles and motorcycles)

i. Tim will put Dwydell in touch with LGBTQ bike group. Check current groups on social media to kick this off.

ii. Lynn - Jessica Donley is looking for events surrounding the Greenway, tying this into Dwydell's idea.

iii. Use a significant date to hold this rally. Incorporation date? April may be too soon.

2. Hamtramck: Our City - 3 events during 2022 should all be tied into the Centennial

3. Street banners using the new logo, Tim is collecting bids to make this happen, funded by DDA

### 6. Update on HACC website – (Tim) [Hamtramck Arts & Culture Commission](#)

i. No news to report

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## 7. Update on awarded grant for ‘*Hamtramck, Our City*’ (event/festival) – (Colleen & Faina + Tim)

- i. Discussion about accounting, HCL, treasurer, spreadsheet will be created
- ii. Colleen - all paperwork has been turned into MCACA, grant funding will arrive to city
- iii. Concerning literary reading, pick date with church and agree on a rain date - July is best for Commission
- iv. Tim is coming onboard as Julie has left the Commission
- v. Lynn - attended a meeting last week and saw possible connection with Building Bridges: East Davison Village, Banglatown, Hamtramck - sponsored by Global Detroit
  - 1. \$25,000 for a project to be used in East Davidson Village
  - 2. Lynn will connect Colleen with Building Bridges Group
- vi. Colleen will send George Elkind (cc Tim) the specs for announcement (not press release) about the grant.
- vii. CB will write the Mayor to ask if he will read at the literary event

## 8. Update on Documenting Street Art in Hamtramck – (Lynn, Dusty & Tim + Jessica)

- i. Dusty has been documenting street art
- ii. Subcommittee had a productive meeting with EMU team
  - 1. EMU GIS (geographic information systems) department , creating an interactive map which will be found on our website
  - 2. Dusty - would like to create mini magazines or coffee table book showcasing Hamtramck street art
- iii. Dusty - also document specific facades (religious/cultural) and art studios/venues

## 9. *Pope Park* & statue update now? Suggested to turn over to Beautification – (Tim)

- i. Motion to turn over to Beautification? Release this project from Arts and Culture Commission
  - 1. Vote 100% passes
- ii. Tim will send the Pope Park Commission a letter from us, explaining we no longer have the capacity

## 10. Update from subcommittee on guidelines for partnering with businesses & organizations on projects, which different permitters. (Tim, Lynn & Dwydell)

- i. Subcommittee will clarify boundaries about how we partner with other organizations in town.

## 11. Bike rally and/or gathering at pop-up location – (Dwydell)

- i. No new movement on this project. Dwydell will start contacting schools to organize Saturday rides for young people. He would like to create a tour.
- ii. Possibly plan a ride during the Neighborhood Arts Festival (built in event)
- iii. Tim will put Dwydell in touch with Jean Wilson from Woodbridge who runs an established bike education program with kids
- iv. Dwydell would like to involve the mayor of Highland Park to make a shared event
- v. Labor Day Parade? Controlled and kid friendly environment
- vi. Cruise Detroit as a possible contact

## 12. Update on *Shaheed Minar Monument* presentation – (Lynn)

- i. A Patronicity fundraiser was held. The money is possibly missing. ( a few hundred dollars)
- ii. Rumors are circulating that the monument will be installed this summer which is not realistic according to Lynn.
- iii. Nayeem Choudry brought the Commission into this.
  - 1. He see this being installed at the next Mother Language Event, one year from now
- iv. Lynn will meet with Nayeem for an update

## 13. Update on Social Media – set up schedule and build more engagement – (Tim)

- i. Posting actively, new likes every week

## 14. Update on Giving Tuesday was launched through Facebook & GoFundMe – (Tim)

- i. Tim would like to come up with fundraising ideas outside of grant writing

## 15. June Pride + supporting MightyRealQueerDetroit <mrqd.org> (Tim, Lynn & Dusty)

- i. Possibility of Pride Flag and/or HACC plaque on HRC – Jos Campau program (Tim)
  - 1. Russ Gordon from Human Relations agrees that we will have a Pride Flag on Jos Camp this year
  - 2. The Commission will not ask City to raise the flag at Zussman as the outcome in 2021 was counterintuitive to helping the community.
- ii. How are we involved?
  - 1. our subcommittee attends their regular meetings
  - 2. Arts and Culture Commission maybe organizes an event at Oloman, other venues are already programming for Pride
  - 3. Also a collaboration with Detroit’s Arts and Culture Commission
- iii. Mighty Real Queer Detroit
  - 1. 501C3
  - 2. they have over 140 artists, 600 pieces of work
  - 3. Tim approached them to offer partnership
  - 4. All participating galleries will be open first week of June
  - 5. Hamtramck galleries - Public Pool, Hatch, Oloman
  - 6. Shuttle service from Midtown to all of the venues

## 16. Update on Sarah Garrett Park update – (Lynn & Dwydell + Jessica)

- i. Focus on celebrating instead of service work on the day - event at Sarah Garrett (clean up before June 19)
- ii. Karolynn informs us there was an infrastructure issue with the monument and a new one is being inspected
- iii. Ground is not level at park (benches are sinking)
- iv. Talk about making the walkway safe which is currently off the service drive
- v. Tim suggests a pop up event on June 19 to show how to make it safer
- vi. Karolynn states the city is interested in the park’s improvement

17.an appointment of HACC Secretary AND discussion on 1 Commission seats open – (Tim) r. Confirm Thursday, 2.June Meeting *(in person at City Hall)*

- i.Colleen is unanimously appointed Secretary
- ii.June 2 is next meeting unless there is a need for a special meeting

**SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS**

**1. Public Comment *(three minutes limited to Arts & Culture issues)***

- i.James - thanks the Commission for service work. Was a resident on Connant/Carpenter and suggests giving that area some attention.

**2. Chairman’s Report**

- i.HNAF - Tim and Lynn are on this commission. Set for October, need a web designer (Eric is unavailable) Goal is to find a brick and mortar (maybe next door to Oloman)

**3. Members’ Report**

- i.Tim and Lynn attended EMU Physical Activities Coalition Meeting - David Palmer, (Hamtramck Parks Conservancy) relevant to AandCC
  - 1.They want to have bike rodeo, farmer’s market engagement, storm water capturing for the parks, dog park, community gardens
  - 2.Board Members (2) are desired - check out website for description of position

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