

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

ARTS IN OAKLAND COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - October 16, 2023 - 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Arts in Oakland Committee opened on October 16, 2023 at 7:00pm at The Oakland Senior Center at 20 Lawlor Drive in Oakland New Jersey.

Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced, advertised, and posted in the municipal building.

Administrative

- Role Call
 - Andrea Levy, Alison Fleeson, Kevin Bagar, Natasha Hoen, Peter Marcalus
- Absent Members
 - April Masefield, Amy Eilert **excused**, Shy Hopkins **excused**, Erica Nagel, Noel Gussen **excused**, Joyce D'Allesandro **excused**
 - Junior Members: Madhav Dua
 - Council Liaison: Eric Kulmala
- Motion to excuse absent members: Andrea motion to excuse absent members, seconded by Alison

Open to the Public - Opened/Closed No public present

Old Business

- **Subcommittees**
 - **Murals - Voting on submissions**
 - Idea to put voting out to Oakland Public virtually by Google Forms, narrowing down submissions to bring to Mayor and Council
 - Andrea Motion
 - Alison second
 - Voting window October 17th to the 24th
 - Top three selections brought to next Council Meeting on October 25th
 - Submitted shared by
 - Borough Blast
 - Borough Website
 - Social Media
 - Fundraiser flier - once selection has been made, distribute donation flier
 - **Arts Pavilion**
 - Grand opening now scheduled for April/May
 - Chamber of Commerce - food vendors

- Face Painters
- Discuss future events June-October
 - Battle of the Bands
 - Beer Garden
 - Dance/Swing Event
 - Concert Series
 - Halloween Walk
- **Arts in Oakland Festival**
 - Committee considering substituting a monthly visual arts program in lieu of a yearly arts event.
 - Pop-up galleries
 - New subcommittee formed - Gallery Committee
 - Alison Fleeson
 - Natasha Hoen
 - 2024 Arts in Oakland June Festival canceled
 - Motioned by Alison
 - Second by Kevin
- **Open Mic Night Series**
 - Discussed dates for next year
 - Attendance has been low, committee to advertise to other town committees for fundraising events
- **Poetry contest:**
 - No submissions as of now
- **Van Allen House Beautification**
 - Need more photos for history photo display

New Business

- **Tree decorating at Van Saun Park**
 - Committee hopes to boost Oakland presence to decorate town tree in Van Saun park
 - Ideas to decorate tree
 - Offer for local schools to provide an ornament for each classroom
 - Solicit donations from Dollar Tree
 - Winner of Halloween decorating
 - Solicit ornament donations with voting for Halloween decorations and mural submissions
 - Ornament collection
 - Luck of the Draw Art Fundraiser
 - For receiving tree after holiday season, ask DPW to dig a hole for placement
- **2024 Meeting Dates**
 - Tuesday January 16th
 - Tuesday February 20th
 - Monday March 18th
 - Monday April 15th

- Monday May 20th
- Monday June 17th
- Monday July 15th
- Monday August 19th
- Monday September 16th
- Monday October 21st
- Monday November 18th
- Monday December 16th
- **Create an asset listing for the town**
 - List of artists, venues, performers

Closing Comments/Announcement

Motion to adjourn: Alison

Motion 2nd: Andrea

Adjournment 8:15pm

Upcoming Meetings:

November 20, 2023 at 7pm at the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive Oakland, NJ 07436.