

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

ARTS IN OAKLAND COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - May 15, 2023 - 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Arts in Oakland Committee opened on Monday May 15, 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, Tracy DiTolla, Shy Hopkins, Noel Gussen
 - Council Liaison - Eric Kulmala
 - Junior Members: Alexandra Mazur
- Absent Members: Natasha Hoen (excused), Judy Piretra (excused), April Masefield (excused), Amy Eilert (excused), Peter Marcalus (excused), Erica Nagel (excused), Vilma Mirkov
- Motion to excuse absent members: Tracy DiTolla Motion 2nd: Shy Hopkins

Open to the Public - Opened/Closed No public present

Minutes 4/17/23

- Motion to approve March minutes: Noel Gussen
 - Motion 2nd: Tracy DiTolla

Old Business

- **Subcommittees**
 - **Murals** - Natasha, Peter, Tracy
 - Mural Submissions
 - Deadline May 26th
 - A number of submissions received
 - Holding off on selecting a submission
 - **Arts in Oakland Festival June 9-11**
 - Judy - Bakers/Makers
 - Interest form has been sent to public
 - Five people/vendors have signed up
 - Art displays - Ali
 - Alison Fleeson plans to be in/out of library the week before for setup
 - Music - Andrea
 - Various bands confirmed
 - Local math-rock band

- Real Brave student band
 - Oldies Band
 - Jam Band
- Food Trucks - Ali
 - Cheesesteak truck confirmed, need contract signed
 - Conrad's waiting to confirm
- Sound - Kevin
 - Set up to begin on Friday
 - Kevin to provide committee/DPW with layout of stage to be set up under the tent
 - Kevin to arrive early Saturday morning to being setting up sound
- **Carnival - June 21-24 Arts Representation**
 - AIO Committee host a table
 - Recruitment Flier
 - Committee encouraged to think of more things to host at the booth
 - Face painting
 - Temporary Tattoos
 - Collaborative canvas painting
 - Foam Core 4X8 ~\$30
 - Drop Cloth ~\$10
 - Quick Stick Tempered Paints ~\$20
 - Noel can provide easels
 - Signage QR Code for upcoming events
 - Open Mic - June 29th
 - Poetry contest
- **Fundraising**
 - Discussion regarding ways to sell goods to raise money, local and state laws regarding restrictions
 - Partnership with scouts, create an art badge
 - Sell T-shirts
- **Poetry Contest**
 - Next contest submission deadline - September 15th
 - Ideas to garner further support
 - Schools
 - Senior Center
- **Open Mic Night**
 - Next event Thursday June 1st at 7:30pm
 - Following event Thursday June 29th

New Business

- Reach out to Senior Center for a poetry reading to garner involvement
- Discussion regarding building an Arts in Oakland website
 - Reason
 - Hub for submissions
 - Upload videos/pictures
 - Announcements
 - Need permission from the town

Open Forum

- **Fall/Winter**
 - Poetry Contest September
 - Potential holiday season poetry contest
 - Ideas for Great Oak Park
 - Bandshell potentially up by September

Closing Comments/Announcement

Motion to adjourn: Alison Fleeson

Motion 2nd: Tracy DiTolla

Adjournment 8:50pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday June 20th, 2023 at 7pm at the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive Oakland, NJ 07436.