



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

**CITY HALL - LINDELL ROSS EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM,
300 W. 13 MILE RD.**

ARTS BOARD MEETING AGENDA

JUNE 30, 2025 AT 6:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER at 6:18

ROLL CALL

Toya Aaron, *Vice Chair (absent)*

Mark Bliss, *Council Representative (absent)*

Michael Covert, *Chair*

Brian Davis, *Member (absent)*

Ali Dorsey, *Student Representative (ex-officio)(absent)*

Laurie Geraldts, *Member*

Susie King, *Member*

Bill Mier, *Council Alternate*

Harley Mordarski, *Staff Liaison*

Jennifer Nagle, *Social Media*

Vita Palazzolo, *Member (arrived at 6:30 pm)*

Keaton Soto-Olson, *Member*

Thomas Wrona, *Alternate*

Sandie Young, *Alternate (absent)*

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes will be approved next meeting.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. **Summer Concert Series (Aaron, Bliss, Geraldts, King, Soto-Olsen)**

Geraldts provided a list of snacks (with prices) as ideas to sell for refreshments at the upcoming summer concert series. Once purchased, snacks will be kept at the Little League Baseball Complex.

Motion by Gerald, Second by Nagle to spend up to \$300 to purchase refreshments for upcoming summer events such as the summer concert series.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

4. Bandshell Utilization Subcommittee (Gerald, Covert, King, Mier, Palazzolo)

The committee discussed plans to activate the bandshell space during the weeks between summer concerts. Four events are being developed: Family Karaoke Night, a Drum Circle, Line Dancing Night, and a community Paint Night in August. While dates and basic concepts are in place, the committee is currently confirming event leads and logistical details before releasing a general “Save the Date” announcement.

The group agreed to coordinate a cohesive theme that connects all four events, with distinct branding for each individual activity. A marketing schedule will be followed to avoid redundancy: a single Save the Date will go out first, with subsequent reminders issued at three weeks, two weeks, and the week of each event.

Confirmed or proposed dates and details were reviewed: Family Karaoke Night is scheduled for July 16 from 7–8:30 p.m., and King has contacted Karaoke Krush to lead the event, with alternative options being considered. The Drum Circle is planned for July 30 from 7–8:30 p.m., with Palazzolo checking on a potential leader who could provide djembe drums and shakers; attendees would also be encouraged to bring their own instruments. Line Dancing Night is scheduled for August 6 from 7:30–9 p.m., with music provided by Sound Wave Detroit and dance instruction by Demetrius, a colleague of Covert. The Paint Night, scheduled for August 20 from 7–8:30 p.m., will be developed further in partnership with the Inside / Out committee and connected to the DIA art installations throughout the city. This event will include a photo submission component tied to raffle entries and an invitation for participants to reflect artistically on the pieces that resonate with them.

Motion by Gerald, Second by King to spend up to \$200 for each of the four bandshell events, not to exceed \$800, with the goal of finding sponsors for each event if possible.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

The subcommittee expressed enthusiasm about offering this diverse lineup of engaging, family-friendly events to the community.

5. Fundraiser Discussion

The board discussed concerns raised by Gerald and Covert regarding the process for initiating fundraisers. In recent years, certain fundraising efforts have been launched without full board discussion or approval, leading to instances where members were either unaware of the activities or unable to adequately support them. Gerald emphasized the importance of communication and transparency.

To address this, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Gerald, Second by King, requiring that all arts board fundraisers be discussed, voted on, and approved by the Board prior to their launch.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Motion Carries

This does not include sponsorship for specific events such as Trail Tunes.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 6:32

Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 pm

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