

CITY OF OAK PARK ARTS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2026 | 7:00 PM
Executive Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Time: 7:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

a. City Council: Councilmember Julie Edgar *PRESENT*

b. Commissioners (Alphabetical by Last Name):

- Jocelyn Coats *PRESENT*

- Sarah Davidson *PRESENT*

- Dawn Henry *PRESENT*

- Kevin Keys *PRESENT*

- Rosetta Kincaid *PRESENT*

- Terri McQueen *PRESENT*

- Florence Piernas *PRESENT*

- Michele Stevenson *PRESENT*

- Lonnie K. Tabb Upshaw *PRESENT*

- Rochelle Weller *PRESENT*

- Donny Wilson *ABSENT*

c. City Liaisons: Brittany M Toth *PRESENT*

d. Guests:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Date: March 12, 2026

Motion:

Seconded:

Approved:

4. APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES

a. Date: February 12, 2026

Motion:

Seconded:

Approved:

5. CITY UPDATES

- *Zoning of El Car Wash*

6. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Old Business:

- Art Gallery / Artist Reception

- *April 6th @ 6 PM*

- Remaining Elections (Secretary)

- *Elected Jocelyn Coats, Rochelle Weller (Sub)*

- Current Event Planning

- *World Dance Day 2026*
 - *Sunday, April 19th 4PM-6PM*
 - *9 groups confirmed (Lonnie has names)*
 - *Lonnie stated she is working w/ Benny on the program*
 - *Motion was made to vote on having hot food at the event*
 - *In order to have hot food, we would need a Serve Safe License through Oakland County Sanitary*
 - *Could be held liable*
 - *Serve safe from park & rec staff, we could ask them to work*

- Voting results were to not have hot food but pre packaged food from different countries (and water)
 - Allocated funds:
 - \$1500.00
 - DJ: \$350.00
- Film Festival 2026
 - Have ton of submissions
 - City Magazine-quarterly, deadline approaching to include festival

- Vision, Event & Budget Planning

- 9 Mile Family Fun Fest
 - June 6th 1 PM - 4PM
 - Commission to do craft, allocate \$125.00
- 4th of July Parade
 - Need banner
 - \$150.00 allocated
- Artist Reception
 - \$50.00 allocated
- Possible Events:
 - Taste Fest?
 - Commission a piece of art?
 - Band shell (night concert after June)
 - Taste of Music-musical fest-world music fest?
 - Need a event to gain knowledge on diversity (Meet the Neighbor)
 - Strolling Oak Park Museum
 - Library collaboration?
 - MLK?
 - You "create"?
 - Art Festival w/ vendors

b. New Business:

- New event to come

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

a. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026

b. Time of Adjournment: 8:40 PM