



MINUTES

REGULAR ARTS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMISSION MEETING

OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
APRIL 9, 2026
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:05 PM

2. ROLL CALL

☒ PRESENT ☐ ABSENT

Jocelyn Coats ☒
Sarah Davidson ☒
Dawn Henry ☒
Kevin Keys ☒
Rosetta Kincaid ☒
Terri McQueen ☒
Florence Piernas ☒
Michele Stevenson ☒
Lonnie K. Tabb Upshaw ☐
Rochelle Weller ☒
Donny Wilson ☒
City Council Liaison ☐
City Staff Liaison ☒

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTIONED: Commissioner Donny Wilson **SECONDED:** Commissioner Kevin Keys

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTIONED: Co-Chair Dawn Henry **SECONDED:** Commissioner Kevin Keys

5. CITY UPDATES

- State of the City 2026 is approaching, Tuesday, June 30th, 2026 @ 5:30 PM (Reception) / 6:30 PM (Program begins). Free community concert will be in the new Oak Park Band Shell.
- All Oak Park assets are opening soon!

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Quarterly Art Exhibit

- *Quilt Project/Award*
- *Quilts will be showcased until June*
- *As a team Facebook & social media outreach needs improvement.*
- *Paul Kliner (Photographer) reminded City Staff Liaison Brittany Toth about his application submission.*
- *Commission was asked by City Staff Liaison Brittany Toth if the commission should wait a month before deciding on Paul as an artist. Paul Kliner has showcased his artwork 3 times. Commission decided to hold off and wait until July to take a vote see if more application submissions come in.*
- *City Staff Liaison Brittany Toth stated she will put a note about the Quarterly Art Exhibit in the Mayor's Message.*

B. World Dance Day Event Planning:

- *Review Run-of-Show Performer Information (Rosetta)*
- *Program Review/ Approval (Brittany)*
- *Confirm Signage Needs (Brittany/ ACDC)*
- *Food Finalization/ Order (Terri)*
- *Set-up Needs/ Volunteer Sign-ups (Terri/ ACDC)*
- *Other (ACDC)*
- *Commission arrival: 12:00 PM*
- *A sign-up sheet was passed around with WDD tasks and time slot, commissioners who could attend signed up.*
- *Commissioner Rosetta Kincaid contacted all the dance groups and confirmed attendance. Dance groups have submitted their music to the DJ.*
- *Commissioner Rosetta Kincaid has reached out to the DJ; he hasn't responded to Commissioner Rosetta Kincaid.*
- *DJ hasn't provided confirmation to 3 dance group's submissions*
- *During the meeting, Commissioner Donny Wilson reached out to the DJ and received attendance confirmation. Commissioner Donny Willson advised the DJ that Commissioner Kevin Keys would be his point of contact for World Dance Day 2026 (WDD) and provided the DJ with his contact information.*

- *The commission discussed a back-up plan DJ, DJ Todd.*
- *Mayor McClellan has been confirmed for the WDD welcome*
- *Cristiana Ford (WXYZ Reporter), WDD Emcee, has been confirmed. The commission discussed having Cristiana provide the back story on WDD, significance, and defining the event.*
- *Food options were discussed. Chair Terri McQueen and Co-Chair Dawn Henry will finalize via email.*
- *Commissioner Rosetta Kincaid discussed dance groups bios. There were some dance groups that marketed their school/classes, this is not to be done. Commissioner Rosetta Kincaid received longer dance group bios, she plans to shorten them to 3-5 sentences.*
- *The commission reviewed the WDD program with City Staff Liaison Brittany Toth. The program was edited for centering the dance groups on the second page. 150 prints will be made.*

C. Vision, Mission & Budget Planning

- *Tabled by the commission until next meeting on May 14, 2026.*

D. Community Engagement Events:

- **9 Mile Fun Fest 2026**

- *Event application will be submitted.*
- *\$150.00 allocated to the event.*
- *Craft Ideas: Watermelon Fans (craft from 2025, some supplies still left), the commission discussed researching a new craft idea to add.*

- **July 4 Parade 2026**

- *Event application will be submitted.*
- *\$150.00 allocated to the event.*
- *The banner was found in storage.*
- *Candy will be purchased to pass out during the parade.*
- *The commission discussed the possibility of participating in the fest event following the parade. Craft could occur at this time.*

- **Film Festival 2026**
- *No new updates.*

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- *Commissioner Kevin Keys shared thought on actively engaging and going out into the community. He stated that businesses/community want to feel welcomed. He wants the commission to think about adding an event that is community driven.*
- *Chair Terri McQueen advised the commission that Co-Chair Dawn Henry will be the chair next month (May) due to Chair Terri McQueen going on tour in Europe.*

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT

8:26 PM

MOTIONED: *Commissioner Kevin Keys* **SECONDED:** *Commissioner Sarah Davidson*