

Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission (ACDC) Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda made by Donny Wilson.
- Seconded by Kevin.
- Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes made by Donny Wilson.
- Seconded by Kevin.
- Motion carried.

Art Exhibit

- Luis Bloom was introduced as a potential new exhibiting artist.
 - His work was described as colorful pop art.
 - Motion to approve Luis Bloom as the featured artist for July made by Donny Wilson, seconded by Sarah D.
- Motion carried.

Community Engagement Events

- Dawn proposed creating ACDC T-shirts.
- Kevin made a motion to table the discussion until design concepts and an invoice are available. Seconded by Donny Wilson. Motion carried.
- 9 Mile Family Fun Fest was discussed as an upcoming community engagement opportunity.

Juneteenth

- Freedom Walk begins at 8:00 AM.
- Mobile health unit and fitness activities will take place in the morning.
- Formal program runs from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
- Block party takes place from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- A kids' area and craft tables will be included.
- All city commissions are encouraged to participate.
- Discussion was held regarding commissions hosting tables and whether each commission would be expected to fund its own activities.
- Donny Wilson stated that the commission would be happy to volunteer its time but expressed concern about committing additional commission funds and resources.
- Kevin stated that he would like to continue building the commission's escrow fund and does not want to spend all available funds.

State of the City

- Scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- Registration emails have been sent.

Independence Day

- The commission discussed hosting a table from noon to 3:00 PM.
- The consensus was that the commission would not host a table.
- Donny Wilson, Dawn, Kevin, and Rosetta volunteered to participate in the parade.
- Roles will be assigned at a later date.

Trunk or Treat

- Scheduled for October 17, 2026.
- Sarah and Dawn volunteered to coordinate the commission's participation.

World Dance Day (WDD)

- Kevin reported that World Dance Day was a major success with excellent attendance.
- The Mayor commented that it was the best World Dance Day to date.
- The commission reviewed the event budget, which increased from the previous year.
- Liaison Brittany Toth will consult with the City Attorney regarding whether religious performers may participate in future programs.
- If the event is held at the Event Hub next year, the commission will have improved technology to livestream and display performances more easily.
- Performers requested a designated area where they can watch performances.
- Consider providing keepsakes and food for performers and volunteers.

Oak Park Film Festival

- Scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026.
- The festival will be held at the new Event Hub.
- Six submissions have been received so far.
- Donny Wilson will speak with DR2 Productions regarding potential submissions.

Commissioner Reports

- Dawn shared that her husband will be traveling to Denver and participating in a bicycle ride to raise awareness for ALS.

Council Update

- Councilman Shaun Whitehead has resigned from the Oak Park City Council.
- Interested residents were encouraged to apply for the open council seat.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Kevin.
- Seconded by Rosetta.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Donny Wilson