

## **MINUTES**

### **Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission**

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2025

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.  
Present: Melanie Baker, Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Nancy Mattson, Aurora Rice  
Absent: Ty Nurenberg, Elizabeth Stoneman  
Visitors: None  
Staff: None
2. **Agenda:** Motion by Banks, supported by Rice, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried with Baker absent.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Hermes, supported by Mattson to approve minutes of 1/21/2025 special meeting. All ayes; motion carried with Baker absent.
4. **Finance:** Revenue/expense report was reviewed. There were no accounts payable to approve.

Baker arrived at 7:05 p.m.

### 5. **Action/Discussion Items:**

#### a. **2025 Art in the Park:**

- 1) Artists: 58 total applications have been received, and 74 booths purchased to date. One application is pending review.
- 2) Entertainment: Baker reported that Michael Hulett and B-Side Growlers are not available to perform.
- 3) Food Vendors: Mattson reported that Grub-It-Up BBQ and Kool Breeze have been confirmed. Taqueria El Azteca has expressed interest. No food vendor applications or payment have been received to date.
- 4) Advertising: No discussion.
- 5) Paid Event Help: Banks stated she still needs to prepare a sign-up schedule.

- 6) Artwork for Visitors Guide Cover: Banks reported that Nurenberg has created a few sketches, but nothing has been put to digital yet. Designs will be presented at March meeting.
- 7) Parking: Discussion was held re: potential locations for parking artists and potentially using the First Congregational Church for artist check-in to ease congestion along Fourth Avenue. Mattson will inquire with the church to see if they plan to use the parking lot for a garage sale during Art in the Park.
- 8) 50th Anniversary Ideas: Discussion was held re: adding new things to the entertainment line-up, such as a ballroom or swing dance demonstration or competition. Changing the times for drawing door prizes was discussed. Consensus is to draw prizes during pauses between entertainment sets, and that winners must be present.

- b. Mural Project: Muralist Dan Arens is working on concept drawing for large mural on side of the building at 1001 Fourth Avenue and is asking for input for the agricultural component of the mural. Discussion was held. Arens is also suggesting that a local artist be engaged to paint the smaller mural at the beach. Following discussion, consensus was to inquire of Dave Kippen from Lake Odessa as to his possible interest/availability. Banks will contact him.
- c. Painting Class(es): Discussion was held about whether to host a spring painting class. Consensus was to not proceed unless we can engage an instructor who does all promotion and provides all help during the class.
- d. Meeting Schedule: Baker asked if it is possible to change meeting schedule due to meetings being held the same night as school board meetings. Subject will be revisited at a later time.

**6. Adjournment:** Motion by Mattson, supported by Rice, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer