

MINUTES

Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Present: Melanie Baker, Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Nancy Mattson, Susan Mesack, Elizabeth Stoneman
Absent: Ty Nurenberg
Visitors: None
Staff: None
2. **Agenda:** Motion by Banks, support by Mattson, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried with Baker absent.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mattson, support by Hermes to approve minutes of 1/12/2026 regular meeting. All ayes; motion carried with Baker absent.

Baker arrived at 7:06 p.m.

5. **Finance:**
 - a. Revenue/Expense report was reviewed. Mesack inquired about investing funds to earn interest. Banks will inquire with Village Clerk/Treasurer.
 - b. Motion by Hermes, support by Mattson, to approve the following accounts payable:
 - Chase Root: 50% refund of 2026 booth space due to cancellation- \$25
 - Karen Banks: 500 #10 envelopes - \$34.99All ayes; motion carried.

6. **Action/Discussion Items:**

- a. **2026 Art in the Park**
 - 1) **Artists/Artisans:** To date, 64 artisan applications received, 78 booth spaces purchased.
 - 2) **Entertainment:** Motion by Banks, support by Hermes to approve Michael Hulett for one hour at \$500, and the LaJoye Quintet for one hour at \$500. All ayes; motion carried. Banks will contact Bill Bartilson to reserve audio support.

3) Sponsors:

- Sponsorship solicitation list has 88 businesses. Hermes has printed sponsorship packets. Baker volunteered to label envelopes and fold and stuff packets.
- Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast: Hermes and Mesack attended the Chamber's networking breakfast on February 3 as that month's sponsors. Sponsorship packets were distributed and activities of the LOAAC were shared with those in attendance.

4) Kids' Zone: No report.

5) Food Vendors:

- Fire Department: Hermes has communicated with Fire Chief Perkins, and they want to sell food.
- Booth Fees for Non-Profit Food Vendors: Following discussion, motion by Banks, support by Mattson to allow non-profits to sell food at no charge. All ayes; motion carried.

- b. Mural Project: Mattson will contact Dan Arens to inquire re: progress of downtown mural, and also Kristin Satterlee of Simple Truth Chiropractic to try to get a copy of land contact between her business (Fourth Avenue Properties, LLC) and E. Jackson Realty, LLC so that an easement agreement can be prepared.

Baker left meeting at 7:59 p.m.

7. Board Member Comments:

Mesack passed out a sample business card that could be used by board members. Banks will coordinate with Mesack re: printing and paper.

8. Adjournment: Without objection, meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer