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Lake Odessa Area Arts Commission

Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Page Memorial Building

Lake Odessa, Michigan

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call:** Chair Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
Present: Melanie Baker, Karen Banks, Meg Hermes, Nancy Mattson, Susan Mesack, Elizabeth Stoneman
Absent: Ty Nurenberg
Visitors: None
2. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Hermes, support by Mattson to approve the following accounts payable:
 - River City Reproductions, Art in the Park print materials: \$1,529.70
 - Karen Banks, supplies and postage: \$23.76
 - Amazon Capital Services, Kids' Zone supplies and office supplies: \$112.96Ayes: Baker, Hermes, Mattson, Mesack, Stoneman. Abstain: Banks. Motion carried.
3. **2026 Art in the Park:**
 - a. **Artist Load-In/Load-Out:** Discussion held re: load-in/load-out process and potential problems in case of traffic back-ups. Consensus was to have artists drop items curbside, park cars, then come back and move items to booth locations in event of traffic backlogs. If Fourth Avenue is congested, consensus was to close street and form two lines of traffic in the northbound lane.
 - b. **Opening Ceremony:** Lakewood High School Choirs have cancelled due to death of a former classmate. Choir Director Amanda Smith has offered to sing the National Anthem a capella for the opening flag ceremony. VFW will allow use of their flags for the flag ceremony, but they may be difficult to transport. Consensus was to use the flags from the council chambers.
 - c. **Volunteers:** The volunteer schedule and empty slots were reviewed. Consensus was that people may need to be moved from their assigned tasks to other duties, if needed.
 - d. **Tent/Tables/Chairs:** Mattson reported the food court tent, tables and chairs will be delivered on Thursday, July 20 between 4 and 6 PM.
 - e. **Sponsors:** Mesack created framed certificates for all of the sponsors. Baker will deliver them later in August.
 - f. **Donuts:** Mesack will pick up the donuts from Meyers' Bakery on Friday afternoon at 3 PM.

- g. Wi-Fi Hotspots: Banks has inquired about available with the Lake Odessa Community Library and is just waiting for notification that they are ready to be picked up.

4. **Adjournment**: Without objection, meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Banks, Secretary/Treasurer