



**Minutes**  
**Michigan City Public Art Committee**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**February 18, 2021 10:00 am**

**Call to Order:** Shannon Eason

**Attendees:** Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley, Shannon Eason, Judy Jacobi, John Ryszka, Janet Bloch, Dale Cooper CarolAnn Brown; Guest Lilli Rosado

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed.

**Motion**

It was moved (Dennis) and seconded (Ryszka) to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

The financial report for January was reviewed: We have \$7,908.00 in our operating fund and \$1,479.13 in the donation budget.

**Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Dennis) to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**Old Business:**

- **Kiosk in Westcott Park - Subcommittee: Dale Cooper, John Ryszka and Matt Kubik**

On going

- **Add Photos to City Council Chamber - Subcommittee: John Ryszka and Matt Kubik**

On going

- **Native American Project - Subcommittee – CarolAnn Brown, Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley**

Ms. Dennis reported that a piece will be ready for pick up by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:**

- **Master Plan - Subcommittee Matt Kubik, CarolAnn Brown, Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Don Presbylinsky**

*The major goals of the Public Art Program are:*

- *Implement the Master Plan*
- *Enhance the visibility of Michigan City*
- *Use public art as a means to further the community's sense of spirit and pride*
- *Encourage cultural tourism through public art*
- *Give visual expression to cultural diversity*
- *Involve artists in realizing MAC's mission*
- *Create a strong sense of community*
- *Engage artists in the overall planning and design of the City, including both new projects and rethinking the existing visual fabric of the community Page 6 of 154*
- *To spearhead and encourage the City to develop and institute a Percent for Art Ordinance, using negotiations with potential developers to support public art until such an ordinance is enacted*
- *Increase patronage of public art and art programming*
- *Create partnerships that expand the resources available to the public art program with other organizations, businesses and private individuals interested in and supportive of the arts*

## **Report concerning 2% for art from Redevelopment**

On hold

- **Sculptfusion**

Ms. Jacobi suggested that some sculpture pieces on the PNW campus may become available for lease or sale.

- **Off the Diet**

Discussions concerning repair and re-installment of the piece are on-going.

- **Otocast**

No report

- **Murals for Westcott Park**– *Subcommittee: Cooper, Ryszka, Kubik*

On-going.

- **Fund Raisers**

On hold

### **Committee Reports**

- **Art Projects:**

MAC was asked to support Michigan City Park and Recreation Department's application to the National Park Service Trails, Rivers and Conservation Assistance Program. Adding a public art element to the proposed wildlife observation deck, overlooking the wetland.

#### **Motion:**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Bloch) to sign a letter of support for the Michigan City Park Departments application to the National Park Service Trails, Rivers and Conservation Assistance Program to add a public art element on the Singing Sands Trail. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Eason reported that MC Park Department Superintendent, Art Shinn is interested in adding an art project to the wall opposite Dune Billies. She will contact MC school art teachers for some ideas from their students.

- **Children's Art Scholarship Requests:**

No requests were received

- **PR Committee:** *Subcommittee Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi*

No Report

- **Michigan City Mainstreet Association**

Michigan City Mainstreet Association received approval for a mural on the side of a building in the Uptown Arts District on the back of the Hokkaido Japanese Restaurant building from the MC Historic Review Board.

### **Michigan City Merchants Association**

No report

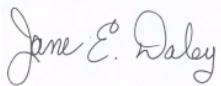
### **Comments**

No comments

**Adjournment:** 11:21 am

Next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Thursday, March 18 starting at 10 am

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley - Secretary