



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

Call to Order: Robin Kohn

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

Minutes:

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed.

Motion

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for February 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*

There was discussion about combining the unveiling of the City Council photos, celebration of the history of notable people and Emancipation Day on June 19th at LaPorte County Conventions & Visitors Bureau starting at 5:30 pm. More information to come at the April meeting

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

Ms. Dennis reported that a piece is still not ready, so Mr. Kubik ask to extend the deadline to April 15th.

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

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 reported that PNW has decided to keep all of the sculpture pieces on campus they may become available for lease or sale next year.

Ms. Eason reported that 4 sculpture pieces will go before the Board of Works for approval to install or move. They are: Galaxy and Sentinel by Ray Katz, Clairvoyance by Fisher Stolz and Ascending by Ruth Magdal.

- **Off the Diet**

Mr. Kubik and Ms. Eason will find some sites for re-installment of “Off the Diet” and other pieces.

- **Kick off Party-** plans are being made for Wednesday, August 4th starting at 6 pm. Artspace will be contacted to see if they are interested in hosting

- **Otocast**

No report

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

On-going.

- **Fund Raisers**

On hold

Committee Reports

- **Art Projects:**

No requests

- **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

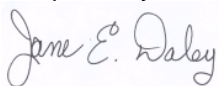
Comments

No comments

Adjournment: 11:02 am

Next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Thursday, April 15th starting at 10 am

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley - Secretary