



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Zoom Meeting
April 15, 2021 10:00 am
Note meeting change for May

Call to Order: Robin Kohn

Attendees: Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley, Janet Bloch, Dale Cooper, Matt Kubik

Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Bloch) 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 (Cooper) 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*

The unveiling of the City Council photos, celebration of the history of notable people and Emancipation Day will be held on June 19th at LaPorte County Conventions & Visitors Bureau starting at 5:30 pm. Ms. Bloch will write a press release that will be shared along with some photos with the committee so that it can be sent to the media and shared on social media as well.

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

Ms. Dennis reported that a piece will be ready for pick-up on May 4th.

Report concerning 2% for art from Redevelopment

On hold

- **Sculptfusion**

Ms. Eason reported that 4 sculpture pieces will go before the Board of Works for approval to install or move on Monday April 19. They are: Galaxy and Sentinel by Ray Katz, Clairvoyance by Fisher Stolz and Ascending by Ruth Magdal.

Motion

It was moved (Kubic) and seconded (Eason) to place Sentinel in front of Horizon Bank and Galaxy at 8th Street and Michigan Blvd. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Off the Diet**

Ms. Eason will ask the Park Board for permission to place this sculpture on the west side of Sunset Grille in one of the gardens at the Senior Center.

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

- **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:** Ms. Bloch & Ms. Cooper will write a press release concerning the history of the City Council Chamber photos and they will announce the unveiling event that will happen simultaneously with the Juneteenth Event at LPCCVB on June 19th starting at 5:30 pm. Ms. Cooper will send out invitations sometime in May. All committee members will share this information on social media. -*Subcommittee Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi*

No Report

- **Michigan City Mainstreet Association**

Michigan City Mainstreet Association has chosen an artist for a mural in the Uptown Arts District on the back of the Hokkaido Japanese Restaurant building. It is expected to be complete by June 1.

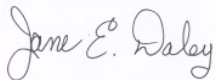
Comments

No comments

Adjournment: 10:51 am

Next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 18 starting at 10 am

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley – Secretary

- **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*