



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Mayor's Conference Room City Hall Michigan City
April 20, 2023 10:00 am

Call to Order: Janet Bloch at 11:05 am

Attendees: Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley, Shannon Eason, CarolAnn Brown, Janet Bloch, Don Przybylinski, Matt Kubik, John Ryszka

Minutes:

Minutes from the March regular meeting were reviewed

Motion

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for February was reviewed: There were no changes, so the operating fund has a balance of \$38,220.00. The gifts & donations fund has a balance of \$1,376.63.

Motion

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

Public Comment:

No Comment

Old Business:

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

The new posters have been paid for and installed.

2. Report concerning a percentage for art from Redevelopment – Subcommittee-Judy Jacobi (chairperson) Matt Kubik, CarolAnn Brown, Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Janet Bloch, Don Przybylinski, Kathy Dennis

Ms. Dennis and Ms. Eason are still waiting to meet with Skyler York, director of the planning department to discuss the ordinance draft.

3. Fund Raisers (including Beaux Ball) – Subcommittee: Entire Committee
Members of the entire committee will approach the following businesses for give-backs.

Kabelins, Swingbellys, Emita II, Leeds, Barker Hill

4. Adding a Public Art Element to Observation Deck - Subcommittee Eaton, Daley, Dennis

Ms. Eason will follow up to see what is happening with the funding.

New Business

1. Adding private art to Otocast – Subcommittee John Ryszka, Shannon Eason, Janet Bloch

Mr. Ryszka will be taking a leave for 4 months to take a job as glass artist at Indiana Beach. He will share the information and lists he has gathered with the remaining committee so that we can proceed.

2. Moving “You are Beautiful”

There was a request to re-do this motion from our February 16th meeting at our May 18th meeting.

This requires more discussion and was put on hold until Mr. Kubik has a chance to take some dimensions of the proposed sites.

3. Installation of Dasein, Clairvoyance, Peace Tree and painting Dasein.

Dasein will be installed on the corner of Ohio and Ann Streets, Clairvoyance installed at Horizon Bank and Peace Tree installed on the SE corner of Wabash and 5 Street.

Moving Owl & Pussy Cat

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Cooper) to move Owl & Pussy Cat to the SE corner of Coolspring Avenue and Franklin Streets. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Ram sculpture donation

Placement and naming of the Ram sculpture was discussed, but no decision was made. Hopefully a consensus will be made at the May meeting. The dimensions of the sculpture are: 8 ft. tall, 6 ft. long, 4 ft. wide and weight 6,000 pounds. Placing the Ram in the Washington Park area would be contingent on Park Board approval and the proposed work that will be done at the Fedders Alley Playground.

5. Moving American Gothic – Mr. Kubik will research

6. Sculptfusion 2023

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Daley) to retain the following sculptures for 2 more years: Galaxy and Sentinel by Ray Katz, Waterbird by Janet Austin and Whoa by Gary Kulak and not to renew the lease for Ascending by Ruth Migdal. The committee will look for new pieces to lease with a lease not to exceed \$2,000. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Sculptfusion Kick off Event- Subcommittee: Dennis, Cooper, Daley, Brown

The committee will report on a date and venue at the May meeting.

8. Neighborhood Art Committee/Murals for Canada Park– Subcommittee:

Dale Cooper, John Ryszka, Shannon Eason, Janet Bloch, Matt Kubik, Kathy Dennis, CarolAnn Brown

Ms. Eason reported that MAC did not receive the Indiana Destination Development Corp art grant. She will follow up to find out why and what we can change with our application in the future. In the meantime there was a suggestion that MAC go forward with the project. The artist will be Feliz Maldonado. The mural in Canada Park and Gardena Park were approved by the BOW along with future mural projects at the skate park. Ms Eason did followup Ms. Eason with the artist **ARCY** the artist for a quote. info@arcyofficial.com His reply was: Thanks for sending this over, unfortunately, the projects of opportunity are a bit too small for me to effectively take on with spray paint as this medium requires larger coverage areas necessary for proper detail. Appreciate you reaching out though.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Daley) to complete the mural in Canada Park before the end of the year. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

No reports

1. Art Projects:

No Report

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests: *subcommittee Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi*

There were several requests submitted from the following: Joureny Wyckoff \$95. & Zoe Wyckoff \$95. by Amber Russell, Addisen Parker by Brian & Chrystal Parker for \$200., Aubrey Thomas by Duminaue Largnam for \$95. & \$105., Zoe Garner by Shirley Garner \$95. & 105.

Motion:

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Eason) to accept all of the application for Children's Art that were submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PR, Marketing, Press releases - Subcommittee: Bloch, Cooper, Jacobi, Daley

Ms. Daley posted a photo of Ms. Cooper with the new kiosk posters on Facebook.

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

No report

5. Announcements

Mr. Kubik ask that an invitation to take the Otocast tour be sent to the Barker Welfare Foundation meeting.

Ms. Brown requested that business cards be printed for the committee's use.

- **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in the Mayors Conference Room at City Hall on May 18, 2023 starting at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

