



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Zoom Meeting
April 21, 2022 10:00 am

Call to Order: Janet Bloch

Attendees: Shannon Eason, Jane Daley, Dale Cooper, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Kathy Dennis, John Ryszka, Matt Kubik, Don Przybylinski, Guests: Skyler York, Aaron Borngaber

Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed.

Motion

It was moved (Cooper) and seconded (Przybylinski) to accept the minutes. The motion

Financial Report:

The financial report for March was reviewed: The operating fund has a balance of \$20,083.00. The non-reverting donation fund has a balance of \$2,717.13.

Motion

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment

Old Business:

- **Kiosk in Westcott Park - Subcommittee:** Dale Cooper, John Ryszka and Matt Kubik
No Report

- **Report concerning 2% for art from Redevelopment – Subcommittee-Matt Kubik, CarolAnn Brown, Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Don Przybylinski**

Mr. Borngaber said that he hasn't had time to work on this project. Ms. Bloch did some research and sent her findings to Mr. Borngaber

- **Adding a Public Art Element to Observation Deck - Subcommittee Eason, Daley, Dennis**

On going

- **Otocast**

Mr. Ryszka reported that he will prepare a spread sheet with existing public art that Ms. Jacobi suggested. Also, he will get pricing for new signage and he will contact Eric at Otocast for costs to add new art.

- **Murals for Canada Park– Subcommittee: Dale Cooper, John Ryszka, Shannon Eason, Janet Bloch, Matt Kubik**

on going

- **Repaint Dasein, Waiting for warm weather**
- **Fund Raisers**

No fund raisers planned

New Business

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

Ms. Dennis reported that the program for the unveiling of the turtle sculpture will be as follows: The program will take place on the front lawn of the City Library on Friday, May 6th at 4:30 pm to unveil a new sculpture by award winning Anishinaabe artist, Jason Quigno. The piece a turtle, Mikinaak, will later be installed in front of City Hall. Dancers and the big drum from the Pokagon Band along with master storyteller, Jefferson Ballew will entertain the group. Participants will also

learn of the crucial role Native Americans played in the founding of Michigan City and surrounding areas.

The turtle, or Grandmother Earth, represents wisdom, healing, health, and protection to Native Americans. The sculpture and a historic plaque will honor and recognize the importance of our Native American heritage and after the ceremony the turtle will find a permanent home in front of City Hall.

Weather permitting, the event will be outside so feel free to stand, or bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the presentation. In case of rain, the celebration will move to inside of the Library at 100 E 4th Street, Michigan City.

The agenda is as follows:

- Open** 10 min drummers & dancers
- Introduction** 5 min Robin Kohn, welcome people and introduce Mayor
- Welcome** Mayor Parry, welcome community, Pokagon band & thank Horizon Bank for their support of the project.
- Significance** Don Przybylinski & Robin Kohn, talk about significance of piece to community and introduce Jefferson Ballew.
- Dancers** Jefferson Ballew introduction, 15 min
- Wrap up** Robin Kohn, Thank you

- **Sculptfusion**

Mr. Kubik has several suggestions concerning the placement of new sculptures and moving of existing pieces as follows:

Move Crystal Effect from 9th & Franklin to SW Corner of Ohio & Ann Street

Move Owl & Pussycat from Westcott Park to NW corner Franklin & 9th

Move Dasein from City Hall to SE Corner of Ripley & Franklin

Move Clarivoiance From US 12 & Michigan Blvd to SW corner 5th & Franklin

Place Chicago Peace Tree SE Corner 5th & Franklin

Place Lady With a Hat NE Corner of 7th & Franklin

Place Hamilton SE corner Coolspring & Franklin

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Przybylinski) accept Mr. Kubik's proposal for new sites. The motion carried unanimously.

The placement of Clarivoiance will be decided at the May meeting.

- **Committee Reports**

No reports

- **Art Projects:**

No requests

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

Two requests were received at he CVB for art classes at the Lubeznik Center.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Dennis) accept the two request for Children's Art Scholarships. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Dennis wrote a press release

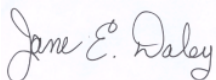
- **Michigan City Mainstreet Association**

- **Comments**

Adjournment: 11:25 am

The next meeting will be in the Mayors Conference Room at City Hall on May 19th starting at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley – Secretary