



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

**Call to Order:** Robin Kohn

**Attendees:** Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley, Janet Bloch, Dale Cooper, Matt Kubik, CarolAnn Brown, John Ryszka

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the April 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 \$6,408.00 in our operating fund and \$1,479.13 in the donation budget.

**Motion**

It was moved (Dennis) 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 committee agreeded to continue their plans to unveil the City Council photos, celebrate the history of notable people and Emancipation Day on June 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Ms. Cooper will check with the Naomi Anderson group to see if they want to be included in the June 19<sup>th</sup> celebration at the CVB.

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

Ms. Dennis picked the piece of sculpture. The plan is to place it in front of City Hall. Ms. Dennis agreeded to write a history to be placed on a plaque next to the sculpture.

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

On hold

- **Sculptfusion**
- **Off the Diet**

Ms. Eason reported that the Park Board agreeded to place this sculpture on the west side of the Greenhouse.

**Motion**

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Eason) to accept the Park Boards recommendation to place "Off the Diet" on the west side of the Greenhouse. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Kick off Party**

Mr. Kubik reported that Artspace agreeded to allow the party on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm. Plans for food and drink will be discussed at the June meeting.

- **Sculpture Installation**

Ms. Eason will seek help with renting a crane.

**Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Bloch) to split the cost of a crane rental with artist Ray Katz if he agrees to using it a second day. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Otocast**

Ms. Eason will update Otocast as soon as the new sculptures are installed

- **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:**

Press releases will be written concerning the Juneteenth event and the Sculptfusion Kick off Party as soon as all information has been gathered

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

No Report

- **Michigan City Mainstreet Association**

The mural on the back of Hokkaido Japanese Restaurant building is in process and will be finished soon.

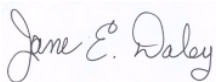
**Comments**

- The Trail Creek Watershed meeting will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Meet at the parking lot across from the Skate Park for a walk on the Singing Sands Trail.
- The wall across the street from Dne Billys Resturant is available for a mural project. Artists will be given a portion to paint. Ms. Eason will get permission from the park Board for this program. Ms. Bloch and Mr. Kubik will work on parameters and make a mock up

**Adjournment:** 10:55 am

Next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Thursday, June 17 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*