



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Zoom Meeting
July 15, 2021 10:00 am

Call to Order: Robin Kohn

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

Minutes:

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed.

Motion

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for May was reviewed: We have \$6,408.00 in our operating fund and \$1,479.13 in the donation budget.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Ryszka) 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**

Ms. Cooper reported that there seems to be some deterioration on the display in the kiosk. She will determine what the problem is and report back at the August meeting.

- **Add Photos to City Council Chamber - Subcommittee: John Ryszka and Matt Kubik**

The next step will be to add the photos to the council chamber. Some existing photos may need to be rearranged

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

This sculpture will be mounted at a 45 degree angle in front of City Hall using steel pins and stone to replicate the sculpture.

Ms. Dennis will call on the Pokagon tripe to help with the text for the plaque.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Bloch) to approve up to \$300.00 for the installation of the Native American piece. The motion carried unanimously.

A dedication event is being planned for the First Friday in May which will be May 6, 2022.

Report concerning 2% for art from Redevelopment

On hold

- **Sculptfusion**

Motion

It was moved (Brown) and seconded (Bloch) to keep Whoa (the big blue chair in front of Hoity Toity for 2 more years, if available. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Cooper) to renew Water Bird for 2 more years at a cost of \$3,000.00. The motion carried unanimously

- **Kick off Party**

The Sculptfusion kick-off party will be held at Artspace on August 4th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Ms. Dennis, Daley, Brown & Kohn will prepare sealed food containers. Ms. Dennis and Cooper will shop for the food. Ms. Eason will bring beer and ice and Ms. Jacobi will bring wine. Tim Rounds will be hired to tend bar. Ms. Jacobi will write a press release and Ms. Daley will help distribute it to the media.

- **Sculpture Installation**

Galaxy and Sentinel by Ray Katz will be placed on Franklin Street by mid-June.

- **Otocast**

Ms. Eaton will update Otocast by August 1st.

- **Murals for Westcott Park & Canada Park**– *Subcommittee: Cooper, Ryszka, Kubik*
On-going.

- **Fund Raisers**

The committee is considering holding a silent auction soon.

Master Plan Review-Priorities & Specifics-see below

ongoing

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*

Ms. Jacobi will write the a press release concerning Sculptfusion. Ms. Daley will send the presser and place an announcement on FaceBook.

- **Michigan City Mainstreet Association**

Mainstreet is still working on plans for the October unveiling and celebration of the Naomi Anderson project.

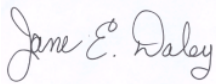
Comments

The Michigan City Public Library will be hosting their series Writing Out Loud on September 18, 25 and October 16 and November 6.

Adjournment: 11:30 am

The next meeting will be in-person at city hall on August 19 starting at 10 am in the Mayors Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley – Secretary

PRIORITIES AND SPECIFICS

A. SHORT TERM

1. Native American Gateway Sculpture
2. Public Art Contribution recognition added to the CVB Rose Award program
3. Facade Grant program revised to fund murals
4. Reconcile mission conflict between Michigan City Historic Review Board and Michigan City Public Art Committee regarding use of Uptown Art District buildings for Art Murals
5. Percent for Art Program to provide Public Art for all Capital Improvement Projects

B. LONG TERM

1. Westcott Park Mural Project

2. Designation of the Uptown Art District as a State designated Cultural District is an important aim of **MAC and the business community**
3. Gateway Arch or Sculpture to the Uptown Arts District
4. Artwork inventory of all public art, both civic and private
5. Extension of Public Art Program, either civic or private, into all neighborhoods
6. Provide opportunities for the community of artists who reside in the City, County and State
7. Coordinate with other public entities and organizations to create and promote public art such as the Michigan City Public Library, Main Street Association, LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau and service organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Exchange Club and others
8. Increase patronage of public art and art programming
9. Artist-in-Residence programs
10. Extend the art program with 2D or 3D art on civic buildings such as the Police and Fire Stations