



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

- **Call to Order:** Shannon Eason

Attendees: Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley, Shannon Eason, CarolAnn Brown, Matt Kubik Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch

- **Minutes:**

Minutes from the regular June meeting were reviewed

Motion

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

- **Financial Report:**

The financial report for May was reviewed: There was \$8,794.98 in the operating fund. The gifts & donations fund has a balance of \$16.63.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Cooper) 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

No new report

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. Eason reported that we are waiting for consensus from the Mayor, then it will be presented to the City Council.

3. Fund Raisers (including Beaux Art Ball) – Subcommittee: Entire Committee

Members of the entire committee are still asked to approach the following businesses for give-backs. Kabelins, Swingbellys, Emita II, Leeds, Barker Pub. Mr. Kubik reported that Barker Hall would be interested in hosting an event as soon as the restoration is finished.

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

On going

- **New Business:**

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

Ms. Eason suggested that this project be pushed off until September when Mr. Ryszka returns from his summer job. Ms. Jacobi reported that she has photos the private sculpture that she will share with the committee.

2. Moving “You are Beautiful”

On going

3. Moving other sculpture to allow space for installation of new pieces

Ms. Eason reported that Dasein is being painted by Richard Kiebdaj and will be installed at the Fire Administration Offices Michigan Blvd. soon. A new location for Owl & Pussy Cat will be decided in the fall.

4. Ram sculpture

The Ram sculpture has been installed in Washington Park across from the zoo. It will be presented to the public along with the winning name at the August 2nd Sculptfusion event.

5. Ram naming Contest

The winner of the contest will be announced at Sculptfusion event

- 6. Moving American Gothic** – Mr. Kubik reported that he is working with the artist to find an appropriate place to move this sculpture.

7. Sculptfusion 2023

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

The Artist Reception will be hosted by Leed's Public House on Wednesday, August 2 starting at 5:30 pm. Leeds will donate hors d'oeuvres with a cash bar. Artists will be encouraged to speak. Mr. Babcock and Mr. Kerr will talk about their adventures with “Ram on the Run”. The top winner of the Name the Ram contest will be announced. The invitation is attached and can be sent to people the committee would like to invite. Artists will be encourage.

Ms. Bloch reported that the Lubeznik Center will prepare a graphic depicting the new sculptures for a 24” x 36” poster and Ms. Daley will get pricing to print it from Reprographic Arts.

9. 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 painting of the mural done by artist Felix Maldonado, in Canada Park will begin sometime in August.

- Committee Reports:**

No reports

1. Art Projects:

No Report

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

No requests

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

A press release will be submitted after the Sculptfusion event.

The committee will buy advertising in the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra 2023-2024 program book and to renew our ad in the 2024 Visitors Guide.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Dennis) to purchase a ½ page ad in the program and to request that it be placed on the same page as the Old Lighthouse Museum ad. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Cooper) to renew the ad in the Visitors Guide, but not to exceed \$800. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

No report

5. Announcements:

Mr. Kubik announced that he is the new president of Rotary and he will have access to a \$10,000 fund that is earmarked for working with youth. He feels that it can be used for art projects among other things.

Ms. Eason reported that artist Janet Austin will be working with children in September to help them draw pictures of flora and fauna that can later be cast as bronze sculptures to be placed in the new Fedders Alley Fitness Park.

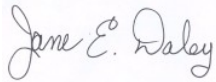
6. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

• **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in the Mayors Conference Room at City Hall on August 17, 2023 starting at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley – Secretary