



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Mayor's Conference Room City Hall Michigan City
September 21, 2023 10:00 am

- **Call to Order:** Robin Kohn

Attendees: Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley, Shannon Eason, John Ryska, Matt Kubik, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Dale Cooper, Don Przybylinski

- **Minutes:**

Minutes from the regular August meeting were reviewed

Motion

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

- **Financial Report:**

The financial report for August was reviewed: There was \$25.98 in the operating fund. The gifts & donations fund has a balance of \$16.63.

Motion

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

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Przybylinski) to make the following transfer of funds:

Transfer	1101.500	
Decrease	431.050	\$1,850
Increase	437.050	\$ 500
Increase	439.090	\$1,350

The motion carried unanimously

- **Public Comment:**

No Comment

- **Old Business:**

1. 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

On going

2. 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 is being painted and should be ready to host events soon.

Patrick's Grille hosted a give-backs on July 4th and we just received a donation from them for \$300.

- **New Business:**

- 1. Adding private art to Otocast** – *Subcommittee: John Ryszka, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch*

Ms. Jacobi shared photos of private Michigan City sculpture that could be added to our Otocast collection. The subcommittee will begin to call on the owners to educate them on MAC and get their permission to move forward with their art included.

Ms. Eason reminded the committee that it was time to renew the Otocast contract.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Kubik) to renew the yearly Otocast contract. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Moving “You are Beautiful”**

Ms. Easton will meet with Skyler York to get the specs for preparing the new site for the sculpture.

- 3. Moving Sculptures, pouring cookies, making repairs**

Ms. Eason reported Owl & Pussy Cat will be moved to Pullman Park at the end of October. A new cookie will be poured for “Duet” and this piece will be moved slightly and cleaned. **A new red cookie will be poured at the Fire Station on Michigan Blvd. to accommodate “Dasein”**

- 4. Ram Sculpture**

The Ram sculpture needs lighting because it is hard to see at night. Only down-lighting would be appropriate because of the migrating birds.

- 5. Moving American Gothic and Tower of Winds**

Mr. Kubik reported that he is working with the artist to find an appropriate place to move the sculptures.

- 6. Sculptfusion 2024**

Ms. Eason will send the 2024 Budget so we can start looking for new pieces.

See Attached

- 7. 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 be done in 2 weeks. There is a need for more funds to paint the back portion of the wall.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Dennis) to pay an additional \$3,200 to paint the back wall. The motion carried unanimously.

A dedication/ribbon cutting is being planned for Saturday, October 21, 300 Center Street, starting at 10 am. Refreshments will be provided by Dune Billies Beach Cafe. Ms. Eason will invite the Mayor, City Council and Mr. Maldonado.

See attached

Also, Ms. Jacobi will attend the neighborhood party on Saturday, September 23 to interview guests and take photos that can be used later for our press release.

Felix Maldonado “Flex” is the muralist.

A proud native of East Chicago, Indiana, Felix is a self-taught artist with 35+ years experience in painting, drawing and graffiti art. In 1995, he received his BFA in Advertising with a minor in Graphic

Design from the American Academy of Art in Chicago. His work has landed him at several ad agencies in Chicago directing and producing commercials for companies like Culligan Water, Peoples Energy, Roto-Rooter, Head Tennis and ATA Airlines.

- **Committee Reports:**

No reports

- 1. Art Projects:**

No Report

- 2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests**

There is no money left in the budget for Children's Scholarships, so we need more donations.

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

No report

- 4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC**

No report

- 5. Announcements**

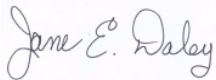
Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in the Mayors Conference Room at City Hall on October 19, 2023 starting at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley – Secretary