



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Special Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
February 27, 2025

Call to Order: Shannon Eason

Present in Person: John Ryszka, Matt Kubik, Judy Jacobi, Kathy Dennis, Janet Bloch, Don Przybylinski, Shannon Eason, Jane Daley

Zoomed In: Robin Kohn, CarolAnn Brown, Dale Cooper

Guest: Scott Meland

(All voting was done by roll call)

Minutes:

Minutes from the February 20 meeting were reviewed

☐ **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for January was reviewed: There was a balance of \$4,970.00 in the operating fund and \$1,230.26 in the gifts and donations fund

☐ **Motion**

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

Ms. Eason reported that we may need to set aside about \$6,000 for new sculpture bases.

Public Comment:

Mr. Meland commented the committee was doing a great job exhibiting almost 1 million dollars in art.

• **Old Business**

1. Report concerning a percentage for art from Redevelopment – Subcommittee- Jacobi (chairperson) Kubik, Brown, Kohn, Eason, Bloch, Przybylinski, Dennis

On going

2. Fund Raisers – Subcommittee: Entire Committee

Mr. Przybylinski suggested vinyls wrappers for the city trash cans

3. Moving “You are Beautiful”

Ms. Eason reported that we are waiting for the SEH plan

4. Moving “Owl & Pussy Cat”

Ms. Brown will meet with the artist and get specifics concerning the move and installation on the NW corner of 9th and Franklin Streets.

5. Review Master Plan

The goal is to make the appropriate changes. Also, address having a regular project manager.

6. Former Mayor Photo Project

Mr. Kubik presented several frame quotes for the mayor photos. Ms. Eason will contact the Mayors office to get some directive for the cost of the project. No action was taken at this time.

7. John Lucas Prints

Due to the expense of the frames and the fact that they would be hung in City Hall and not always assessable to the public the project was set aside for a later date. The possibility of having them printed on street banners was considered. No action was taken.

8. Banner Art Project

Mr. Kubik reported that there are 100 banner brackets that are either empty or have old tattered banners hanging. We would need to call for artists. Ms. Eason will take this proposed project to the RDC for advice and/or approval.

9. Block Partiers & Art Dedications

Ms. Eason will contact Dunewood Skate Company for sponsorship of the Pullman Park dedication/celebration for this summer. The Morgan Foundation will also provide funding. A date for the celebration will be chosen.

10. Neighborhood Art subcommittee: Eason, Kubik, Cooper, Ryszka

Ms. Eason reported that we need an artist to paint ground art at Water Tower Park before the dedication of the new park in May. The artists concept will be considered and approved by MAC.

- **New Business**

2. Janet Austin "Waterbird" renewal

Due to the expense of purchasing Waterbird it was decided not to renew the lease. We have invested \$12,000 in leases for several years and she wants \$13,000 for the purchase.

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Dennis) to not renew Janet Austin's Waterbird and to replace it with David Skora's sculpture titled "Entangle" on the SE corner of 5th & Franklin Streets. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Leopold Bench Fundraising Project

Mr. Kubik reported that the Leopold Benches could be constructed for approximately \$1075 with construction done by MC school students. There would need to be a call for artists and the benches could be placed in the uptown arts district. If the school is willing to do the construction benches of 10 to 15 and store them, then the project could begin soon. Mr. Przybylinski will try to get the lumber donated.

Ms. Bloch stated that a project manager should be hired to manage this call for artists and any other project in the future and that could take some time. She advised postponing the project until 2026.

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Przybylinski) and seconded (Bloch) to move this project for an unveiling in the summer of 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Sculptfusion 2025 Subcommittee: Dennis, Cooper, Daley, Brown, Kubik

Need to choose a date and venue for the Artist Reception

4. Choose 4 sculptures for JoyRide Advertising

The following sculpture photos will be sent to Rose Tejeda of JoyRide for an advertising campaign this year:

"Sentinel" by Ray Katz, "Isle of Caprine" by Richard Kiebdaj, "Owl & Pussycat" by Richard Kiebdaj and "Chrystal effect III" by Sunny Han.

- **Other Committee Reports:**

1. Art Project Requests

No projects were presented

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests

There were not requests

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

Ms. Jacobi will send out a press release concerning public art on private property

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

5. Announcements

Mr. Kubik will have an exhibit at Rising Phoenix Gallery in March with an opening reception on March 3rd from 3-6 pm.

- **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

The next meeting will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, 100 E 4th Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 on March 20, 2025 starting at 10 am.

Minutes prepared by Jane Daley Secretary

Signature Shannon Eason Date 3/20/25
Treasurer