



**Minutes  
Michigan City Public Art Committee  
Special Meeting  
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City  
March 20, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Janet Bloch at 10:02 am

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

**Guest:** Scott Meland & Johnathan Albertine

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the February 27 special meeting were reviewed

☐ **Motion**

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

**Financial Report:**

The financial report for February was reviewed: There was a balance of \$6,970.00 in the operating fund and \$1,230.26 in the gifts and donations fund

☐ **Motion**

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

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Meland recommended that the light pole brackets remain and be filled with banners from local artists. The downtown bench project should go forward. All the past mayor photos should be put into black frames.

Mr. Albertine introduced himself as the new events coordinator with Barker Hall.

• **Old Business**

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

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**2. Fund Raisers – Subcommittee: Entire Committee**

Mr. Kubik and Ms. Dennis will write a proposal to start a marketing campaign.

Ms. Cooper contacted Bistro on the Greens to ask them to host a give back night.

☐ **Motion**

It was moved Eason) and seconded (Przybylinski to plan a give back day at Bistro on The Greens on April 17 starting at 4 pm.. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Moving “You are Beautiful”**

Ms. Eason reported that she is still waiting for a timeline from Mr. York. Construction of the site is due to start in June.

**4. Moving “Owl & Pussy Cat”**

Ms. Brown will met with the artist and he suggested a 6 foot cookie be installed. He will submit a quote for repainting. Ms. Brown will also coordinate new art coming in and old art outgoing.

**5. Review Master Plan**

Ms. Dennis and Ms. Jacobi presented their report. (Attached)

**6. Former Mayor Photo Project**

Ms. Eason reported that the Mayors office will not be able to help with this project at this time. Mr. Kubik again presented 2 quotes. Sharp Eye \$2,910 and Ancillaerie for \$2,660.85.

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Bloch) and seconded (Cooper) to accept the quote from Ancillaerie for \$2,660.85 to reframe all existing photos and to order 5 extra frames.

The motion carried unanimously.

**7. John Lucas Prints**

The prints were given to the city to archived for a later project.

#### **8. Banner Art Project**

Ms. Eason reported that the City approved \$30,000 for the banner project, so that should give us enough money to hire a project manager and get all 100 brackets filled.

#### **9. Block Partiers & Art Dedications**

Ms. Eason reported that the dedication of the Skate Park (Pullman Park) will be on September 13 starting at 9 am. There will professional demonstrations, food trucks and space for sponsor banners.

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

Ms. Eason reported that we still need an artist to paint ground art at Water Tower Park before the dedication of the new park in May which will be on May 31 at 9 am. The artists concept will be considered and approved by MAC.

#### **• New Business**

##### **2. Janet Austin "Waterbird" renewal**

Ms. Eason reported that the Mayors office has approved purchase of "Waterbird". It will be repainted and moved to Hansen Park.

##### **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**

Ms. Daley was asked to contact Vita Del Lago to ask if they would be available to host our artist reception on October 2 or 3 starting at 5:30 pm

##### **4. JoyRide Advertising**

Ms. Cooper reported that the project is moving forward.

#### **• 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

Ms. Daley will send a press release inviting artists to offer classes and to inform the public that money is available for children's art classes.

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

##### **5. Announcements:**

Mr. Ryszka will appear the play "Dian M for Murder" at the Holdcraft Performing Arts Center.

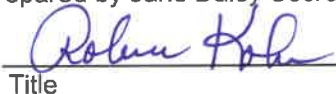
##### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

The next meeting will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, 100 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 on April 17, 2025 starting at 10 am.

Minutes prepared by Jane Daley Secretary

Signature

  
Title

Date

4-17-25