



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Special Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
April 17, 2025

Call to Order: Robin Kohn 10:02 am

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

Guest: Johnathan Albertine

Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed

☐ **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for February was reviewed: There was a balance of \$1,160.85 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 need to move some money.

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Dennis) to move to decrease other rentals by \$4,270. And increase contractional services by \$4,270. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment

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

A give back night was scheduled at Bistro on the Greens for April 17th starting at 4 pm.

The restaurant will give back 20% of all sales that are related to MAC.

3. **Moving “You are Beautiful”**

Ms. Eason reported that the RDA will pay for the move and site development and the park department will maintain it.

Renderings will be presented to MAC in May. The committee has been asked to send their recommendations for a name for the park to Ms. Eason in the next week.

4. **Moving “Owl & Pussy Cat”**

The artist will remove the piece, take it to his studio, refurbish and reinstall it sometime in May.

5. **Review Master Plan**

Work on the revision of the Master Plan will take place at the May meeting.

6. **Former Mayor Photo Project**

Mr. Kubik reported that the photos have been removed and delivered to Ancillaerie for reframing.

8. **Banner Art Project**

Need to hire a project manager and get all 100 brackets filled.

9. **Block Parties & Art Dedications**

The dedication and ribbon cutting of the Skate Park (Pullman Park) will be on September 13 starting at 11 am. There will be professional skateboard demonstrations, free lessons, food trucks and a drawing for 4 custom painted skateboards. Also, the artist Chris Silva will be on hand and opening remarks will be made by Mayor Angie.

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

Ms. Eason reported that the Water Tower Park will be on May 31 at 9 am. The artists concept will be considered and approved by MAC.

- **New Business**

1. **Change the MAC logo**

- ☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Bloch) to change the MAC logo to just letters and drop the art. The motion carried with 9 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Janet Austin "Waterbird" renewal

On going

2. **Leopold Bench Fundraising Project**

On going

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 Thursday September 25 starting at 5:30 pm.

4. **Election of Officers**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Eason) to elect Matt Kubik as president. The motion carried unanimously.

- ☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Cooper) to elect Janet Bloch as vice-president. The motion carried unanimously.

- ☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Bloch) to elect Shannon Eason as financial officer. The motion carried unanimously.

- ☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Cooper) and seconded (Eason) to elect Jane Daley as secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Otocast**

Mr. Ryszka reported that the new text is finished and uploaded. He is currently taking new photos of the sculptures. "Off the Diet" needs its location updated. Ms. Cooper volunteered to record a few new scripts. He reported some damage to "Sentinel" and he will reach out to new artists for their statements.

- **Other Committee Reports:**

1. **Art Project Requests**

No projects were presented

2. **Children's Art Scholarship Requests**

There were no 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:**

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 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 May 15, 2025 starting at 10 am.

minutes prepared by Jane Daley Secretary

Signature

Title

Date



