



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
May 29, 2025

Call to Order: Matt Kubik 10:04 am

Present in Person: John Ryszka, Matt Kubik, Judy Jacobi, Shannon Eason, Jane Daley, CarolAnn Brown, Don Przybylinski, Zoom in-Dale Cooper

Guest: Katie Mitschelen, Johnathan Albertine & Scott Melang

Minutes:

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed

☐ **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for April was reviewed: There was a balance of \$1,684.19 in the operating fund and \$1,230.26 in the gifts and donations fund

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Kohn) 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 (Eason) and seconded (Ryszka) to transfer \$900 out of professional services into contractual services. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mr. Melang said keep up the good work

Old Business

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

This project will be revisited in July

2. Fund Raisers – Sub committee: Entire Committee

On going

3. Moving “Owl & Pussy Cat”

The artist is working on the sculpture and it will be reinstalled as soon as the new base is poured.

4. Review Master Plan

Mr. Kubik will make the changes to the Master Plan, email it to the committee and it will be voted on in June

5. Former Mayor Photo Project

Mr. Kubik reported that the photos have not been removed but hopes that will happen soon and he will deliver them to Ancillaerie for reframing.

6. Banner Art Project

On going

7. 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.

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

Ms. Eason reported that the Water Tower Park will be on May 31 at 11 am.

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Brown) to accept the Water Tower Park design. The motion carried unanimously.

- **New Business**

- 1. Moving "You are Beautiful"**

The committee was given a copy of the site design for their recommendation.

- ☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Przybylinski) to approve the design. The motion carried unanimously.

- ☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Daley) to recommend to the Park Board that "You Are Beautiful" be kept as the park name. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brown will contact the artist to get his blessing on using the name for the new park.

Janet Autin "Waterbird" renewal

Water Bird has been moved to Hanson Park and the committee is asked to make recommendations for improving the look of the site.

- 2. Leopold Bench Fundraising Project**

On going

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

Vita Del Lago is willing to host the artist reception Thursday September 25 starting at 5:30 pm. She will provide snacks and a cash bar. She asks that any promotional material be sent to her so she can help market the event.

- 4. Otocast**

Ms. Brown reported that the new signage is ready to be posted on the sculptures.

Ms. Cooper has finished recording the new scripts.

Mr. Ryszka reported that some privately owned public art remains to be added to Otocast, however MAC must get the owners permission.

- 5. Sullair funded Mural**

There was some discussion concerning this piece of public art and we look forward to seeing the final design after the series of public input sessions.

- **Other Committee Reports:**

- 1. Art Project Requests**

No projects were presented

- 2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests**

There were 2 requests for scholarships.

- ☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Cooper) to pay for the 2 scholarship requests. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Jacobi will send out a press release after the Water Tower event.

Mr. Kubik suggested that the committee be expanded due to the fact that it becoming harder to get a quorum.

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

- 5. Announcements:**

Ms. Daley announced that the Westville Area Chamber of Commerce will host their 7th Market on Main in Westville with artisans vendors beer garden and car show on Saturday, June 7th 10 am-3pm. Also, a public art unveiling at Biggby-Westville on June 14 at 9 am.

Mr. Przybylinski asks the committee to consider the NW corner of Springland Ave and Karwick Road for a piece of sculpture in the future.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 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 Friday, June 20, 2025 starting at 10 am.

Minutes prepared by Jane Daley Secretary

Minutes approved by MAC

6/20/25

Signed


Matt Kubik, Chair