

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

Call to Order: Matt Kubik 10:10am

Present in Person: John Ryszka, Matt Kubik, Judy Jacobi, Shannon Eason, Jane Daley, CarolAnn Brown, Dale Cooper, Katie Mitschelen

Guest: Valerie Wallace, Emily Graves

Minutes:

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed

☐ **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for April was reviewed: There was a balance of \$2,784.16 in the operating fund and \$960.26 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 the Mayor has given MAC \$3,000 from her gala to be used for art projects.

Public Comment:

Ms. Wallace LaPorte County Poet Laureate presented a project idea for adding a poetry listening app to public benches on the streets and in the parks throughout the county. Ms. Daley will email her the MAC project criteria.

Ms. Graves reported that she is ready to send new information concerning Otocast as soon as she gets the coordinates for new sculptures and pieces that have been moved.

• **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

Mr. Ryszka is working on a project for a 5-K walk in October 2026 with participants dressed in art related costumes.

5-K Sub committee: Cooper, Daley, Eason, Ryszka

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Cooper) to pursue the 5-K walk project for 2026. The motion carried unanimously

3. Moving "Owl & Pussy Cat"

The artist is working on the sculpture and it will be reinstalled by July 1.

4. "You are Beautiful" Project

The plan was approved by the park board and the name will remain the same. The letters are being repaired and powder coated.

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

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Cooper) to approve the overall concept. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 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 July

6. Former Mayor Photo Project

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

7. Banner Art Project

Ms. Eason reported that the RDC has no money for this project.

8. 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 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.

Ms. Daley will put the flyer on the MAC Facebook page.

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

Ms. Eason reported that the Walker Street Garden Shelter concept was approved by the Park Board

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Jacobi) to approve the project. The motion carried unanimously.

Sullair funded Mural

The committee saw some design ideas and was asked for any input be sent to Ms. Bloch. The neighborhood will have a chance to make recommendations as well. Painting will start as soon as final designs are approved.

• **New Business**

1. Leopold Bench Fundraising Project

On going

2. 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.

3. Otocast

Need new coordinates

• **Other Committee Reports:**

1. Art Project Requests

No projects were presented

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests

There were 8 requests for scholarships.

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Cooper) to pay for the 8 scholarship requests. The motion carried unanimously.

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

On going

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

5. Announcements:

• **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 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 Thursday July 17, 2025 starting at 10 am.

Minutes prepared by Jane Daley Secretary

Minutes approved by MAC

Signed

Matt Kubik, Chair