



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
August 21, 2025

Call to Order: Matt Kubik

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

Guest: Emily Graves, Scott Meland:

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed

☐ **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for July was reviewed: There was a balance of \$645.16 in the operating fund and \$50.26 in the gifts and donations fund

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Cooper) 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:

Mr. Meland thanked MAC for the continued support of the Michigan City art scene.

• Old Business

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

On going

2. Fund Raisers & Sponsorship Opportunities – Subcommittee: Entire Committee

Mr. Ryszka reported that the 5-K costume walk will to October 11, 2026 and Sweet Lou, Thats Who will cater the event.

5-K Subcommittee: Cooper, Daley, Eason, Ryszka

3. Moving “Owl & Pussy Cat”

Ms. Brown reported that the sculpture was refurbished and repainted and now is placed on the NW corner of 9th and Franklin Streets. It has been enthusiastically received.

4. “You are Beautiful” Project

The park board approved the name of the park “You are Beautiful” and it will be dedicated in 2026.

5. Review Master Plan

Ms. Eason will send the new goals to Mr. Kubik who will make the changes to the Master Plan.

6. Former Mayor Photo Project

Mr. Kubik reported that the photos have been delivered to Ancillaerie for reframing. A new invoice has been submitted.

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Bloch) to pay the new invoice for \$3,051.90. The motion carried unanimously..

7. Banner Art

No report

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. Ms. Brown reported that there will be food for 150 people, donuts and water donated by Family Express and the Kidpreneurs will serve hot dogs. Ms. Daley will bring 10 small buckets for the gift drawing. Mr. Przybylinski will introduce the mayor. The committee has been asked to arrive by 10:30 am. Ms. Eason will bring the PA system.

Ms. Jacobi prepared a press release that has been sent out along with photos and the flyer. The flyer has been posted on the Facebook event page, so please share it.

9. Sculptfusion Reception Subcommittee: Dennis, Cooper, Daley, Brown, Kubik

Vita Del Lago will host the artist reception that is open to the public Thursday September 25 starting at 5:30 pm. There will be complimentary snacks and a cash bar. Ms. Daley created a flyer, and Ms. Eason added the color. The flyer has been placed on our Facebook event page, so please share it. Ms. Jacobi is preparing a press release. Ms. Eason will bring a PA system.

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

On going

11. Leopold Bench Fundraising Project

The La Porte County Career and Technical Center is anxious to get started on 15 benches

12. Otocast

Ms. Graves reported that all new sculptures are on Otocast

13. Michigan Blvd. Mural Project Update:

Painting of the mural has begun

• **New Business:**

1. Mayor's Discretionary Fund

Ms. Eason reported that we have \$3,000 that needs to be spent by March 2026.

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley and seconded (Dennis) to ask Ms. Eason to get a quote to paint the Waterbird cookie and the surrounding the piece. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Dragonfly Sculptures.

2 large dragonfly sculptures have been purchased. One is 14 feet tall, and the other is 16 feet tall. Please submit ideas for placement. Coolspring & Franklin was suggested.

• **Ongoing Business**

1. Art Project Requests

No projects were presented

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests

No requests were presented

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

Ms. Jacobi sent the Skate Park Ribbon Cutting Event press release with photos and the flyer

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

5. Announcements:

Walking tour of historic downtown Laporte, Saturday, September 20 starting at 11 am. Meet at Whole World of Good. RSVP 219-326-7259 or creative52@comcast.net

Michigan City Public Library will be utilizing their Art Wall contact Ms. Mitschelen.

• **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 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 September 21, 2025 starting at 10 am.

Minutes prepared by Jane Daley Secretary

Minutes approved by MAC September 18, 2025

Signed: _____

Matt Kubik, Chair