



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
October 16, 2025

Call to Order: Matt Kubik

Present in Person: John Ryszka, Matt Kubik, Shannon Eason, Jane Daley, Dale Cooper, Katie Mitschelen, Don Przybylinski, Kathy Dennis,

Guest: Emily Graves, Scott Meland:

Absent: Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed

☐ **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

☐ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Eason) to suspend the financial report until November. The motion carried unanimously.

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 – Sub committee: *Cooper, Daley, Eason, Ryszka*

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

Leopold Bench Fundraising Project

The La Porte County Career and Technical Center is anxious to get started on 15 benches. Call for artists will be sent out in February.

3. “You are Beautiful” Project

Ms. Eason reported that NIPSCO is installing a new gas line that will run through the park so we will wait for completion of that work to begin the new park. “Your are Beautiful” Park will be dedicated in 2026.

5. Review Master Plan

Ms. Daley will send the new goals to Mr. Kubik and Ms. Eason 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 and should be ready in January or February.

7. Banner Art

Mr. Kubik and Ms. Eason will work on some ideas for this project.

8. Block Parties & Art Dedications

No Report

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

The last Thursday in September 2026 is the 24th. Please be thinking about a new venue.

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

Mayor's Discretionary Fund (must be spent by March 2026): Ms. Eason suggested using the Mayors fund money to paint a mural on the blower building 8th & Dickson street. It could be viewed from the Singing Sands Trail. School children would be asked to submit designs and paint the building.

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Motion

It was moved (Dennis) and seconded (Cooper) to use the Mayors fund for painting the blower building. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Otocast

Ms. Graves reported that the Sullair mural will be added to Otocast in January or February. Trinity Church, MC Public Library and Barker Mansion are interested in being included on Otocast.

13. Michigan Blvd. Mural Project Update:

Several people attended the mural ribbon cutting on Thursday, 30th.

• **New Business:**

1. Dragonfly Sculptures.

Two large dragonfly sculptures have been purchased. One is 14 feet tall and the other is 16 feet tall. Be ready to vote on a 1 year placement at the November meeting.

2. New Sculptures: The committee is asked to choose four new sites for new sculptures for 2026 or two sites for larger pieces and be ready with recommendation sent to Ms. Eason by November 17th.

Bike Racks: To be considered for 2026

• **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

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

5. Announcements:

Trinity Church is seeking funds for replacement of all flat roofs, interior renovations and an elevator.

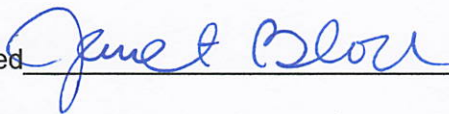
• **Adjournment**

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 Thursday November 20, 2025 starting at 10 am.

Signed

Chair



Janet Bloch

11/20/25

Matt Kubik,