



MICHIGAN CITY PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Minutes

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

Call to Order: Janet Bloch

Present in Person: John Ryszka, Shannon Eason, Jane Daley, Katie Mitschelen, Kathy Dennis, CarolAnn Brown, Judy Jacobi, Kathy Dennis

Absent: Dale Cooper, Don Przybylinski, Matt Kubik

Guest: Emily Graves, Scott Meland, William Walker

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed

Motion

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

Financial Report:

The financial reports for September and October were reviewed: There was a balance of \$824.84 in the operating fund and \$-664.74 in the gifts and donations fund

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Bloch) to accept the September financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a balance of \$592.84 in the operating fund and \$-664.74 in the gifts and donations fund.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Brown) to accept the October financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Easton explained that an invoice was sent to The Renaissance Group to cover this deficit but it has not been paid yet.

Public Comment:

Mr. Meland thanked MAC for the continued support of the Michigan City art scene and complimented the Michigan Blvd. mural.

Mr. Walker will continue to attend the meetings on behalf of the recreation department.

Ms. Graves will keep with Otocast recordings, GPS locations.

• Old Business

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

It was suggested that a stakeholders committee be established

2. Fund Raisers & Sponsorship Opportunities – Sub committee: Cooper, Daley, Eason, Ryszka

On going

Leopold Bench Fundraising Project

It was brought to our attention that EDC Downtown Merchants and MC Chamber are not in favor of new benches especially on Franklin Street because of the increased problems of homeless people in the downtown. A decision will be made at the January meeting.

3. "You are Beautiful" Project

No new report

5. Review Master Plan

No report

6. Former Mayor Photo Project

Mr. Kubik has begun to install the photos and when the project is finished MAC will host a reception for the public to view the new display.

7. Banner Art

No new report

8. Block Parties & Art Dedications

No Report

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

Choose a new date for 2026 and a new venue

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

Mayor's Discretionary Fund (must be spent by March 2026):

Ms. Eason reported that the Michigan City High School mural department is not interested in painting murals on the Waste Inc. building, so she will reach out to Marquette High School and Westville Middle/High School.

12. Otocast

No new report

13. Michigan Blvd. Mural Project Update:

No new report

• **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 December meeting.

2. Choose new sculptures and sites for 2026-2027

Ms. Eason will send 2026 budget and a list of pieces that are available. The committee is asked to choose their favorite sites for next year, also choose any pieces that you would like to replace.

• **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: Cooper, Jacobi, Daley

No report

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

5. Announcements:

Ms. Daley announced that the Westville Area Chamber of Commerce has enough money donated to start the PNW art tour on Otocast.

Westville Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Business Before Hours at the Westville Library on December 10th starting at 8 am. Michelle Shirk CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of La Porte County will be keynote speaker.

Market on Main, a juried arts and crafts festival will be held on Sunday, June 7 on Main Street in Westville hosted by the Westville Area Chamber of Commerce. info@westvillechamber.org

Mr. Walker announced that the Neighborhood Block parties are traveling around the city.

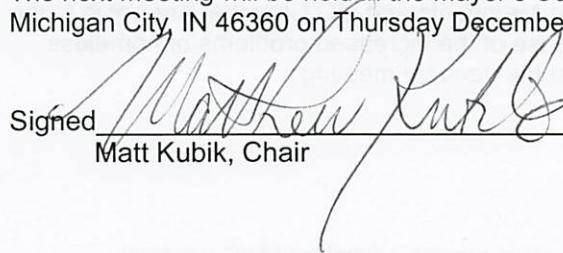
Ms. Bloch invited everyone to the Lubeznik Center this weekend, 11am - 4pm, for holiday shopping.

• **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25am

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 December 4, 2025 starting at 10 am.

Signed


Matt Kubik, Chair

Date 1-15-26