



**Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
January 15, 2026 Minutes**

Call to Order: Matt Kubik

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

Guests: Emily Graves, Johnathan Albertine, Sel Dunlap, William Walker

Absent: Katie Mitschelen

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the November and December meeting were reviewed

Motion

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for December was reviewed: The balances were \$116.84 in the operating fund and \$1,316.46 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.

Public Comment:

Mr. Dunlap ask for support to paint murals on the old Burnham Glove Factory. It is privately owned and has historical status. He also mentioned that he could share some information about a local sculptor.

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

Mr. Ryszka reported that the City and the Mayor have given approval for the 5K run walk scheduled for this fall

3. Leopold Bench Fundraising Project

Motion

It was moved (Dennis) and seconded (Przybylinski) to move forward with the bench project after a discussion with the downtown merchants. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review Master Plan

A committee (Ms. Jacobi, Bloch, Dennis, Graves) was formed to update the master plan.

5. Former Mayor Photo Project

Mr. Kubik reported that the framing is being finished.

6. Banner Art

It was suggested that a consultant be hired to conduct a call for are

7. Block Parties & Art Dedications

On going

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

New date for 2026 and a new venue will be discussed at the February meeting

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

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

Ms. Eason reported that Marquette High School art department is interested in painting a mural on the blower building that is located in an industrial area along the Singing Sands Trail

10. Otocast

No new report

11. Sullair Michigan Blvd. Mural Project Update:

Sullair will place a QR code on the site that will connect to their website and to the Lubeznik website as soon as the weather warms.

New Business:

1. Dragonfly Sculptures.

Two large dragonfly sculptures have been purchased. One is 14 feet tall and the other is 16 feet tall. Placement has not been decided yet.

2. Sculptfusion 2026-2028

Ms. Bloch and Ms. Brown brought some photos and suggestions for new sculptures.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Przybylinski) to move Sentinel by Ray Katz from 7th & Franklin Streets to Site #1 Coolspring & Euclid Avenues. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Eason) to lease a new piece titled "Helios" by Pam Reithmeier for Site #3 Highway 12 & Michigan Boulevard. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Bloch) and seconded (Ryszka) to lease a new piece titled "Liquid Sunshine: by Michael Alfano for 7th & Franklin Streets. The motion carried unanimously.

The 2 remaining sites will not be filled now.

Site #2 Franklin Street and Ripley Avenue

Site #4 Karwick Road and Springfield Avenue

Mr. Kubik presented a group of 7 small sculptures that are for sale at \$2,100 for consideration.

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Bloch) and seconded (Daley) not to consider the purchase. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Bike Racks

Ms. Eason will discuss the need for bike racks in the downtown with Mr. York.

4. Approve Annual Report

The committee wishes to thank Ms. Eason for producing the Annual Report again this year.

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Brown) to approve the annual report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brown requested repairs for "Ascending" that is located at the Skate Park

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. CarolAnn Brown announced that she would not want to be considered for the Committee in the future. The Committee thanked Ms. Brown for her many years of dedication and service.

Ms. Daley announced that the Westville Area Chamber of Commerce host a Business Before Hours at Red Mill County Park on Tuesday, February 24th starting at 8:00 am.

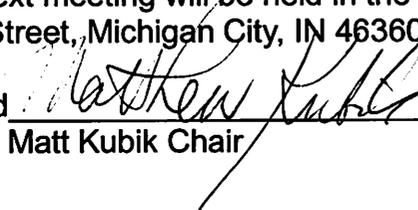
PNW will host Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 19 starting at 8:00am

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27am

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 February 19 starting at 10 am.

Signed


Matt Kubik Chair

Date

2/19/2026