



**Minutes**  
**Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting**  
**Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City**  
**January 19, 2026**

**Call to Order:** Matt Kubik

**Present in Person:** Shannon Eason, Jane Daley, Kathy Dennis, Judy Jacobi, Kathy Dennis, Don Przybylinski, Katie Mitschelen, Dale Cooper, John Ryszka, (New Member) Kenny Smith Janet Bloch

Guests: Emily Graves, William Walker, Michelle Condon

**Absent:**

• **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed

□ **Motion**

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

• **Financial Report:**

The financial reports for January was reviewed: The balance in the operating fund was \$25,970.00 and \$1,316.46 in the gifts and donations fund

□ **Motion**

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

• **Public Comment:**

Ms Condon is offering herself as a volunteer.

• **Old Business**

**1. Report concerning a percentage for art from Redevelopment –**

*Subcommittee-(chairperson) Kubik, Jacobi, Brown, Eason, Bloch, Przybylinski, Dennis*

There is a draft ordinance that was worked on previously. The subcommittee will review it and report back in **March**.

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

Mr. Ryszka reported that the 5K run walk scheduled for October 10th is on track

**3. Leopold Bench Fundraising Project**

The committee is hoping that the following will happen in the next 2 weeks.

Ms. Cooper will contact the downtown merchants to get some feedback on the project.

Mr. Kubik reported that the Chamber of Commerce and the City Planners office support the project.

Ms. Eason reported that Kabelins will donate the paint, but no lumber has been obtained at this time. There will be 15 benches built with placement to be determined. The proposed theme will be 190 Anniversary of Michigan City and the 250th Anniversary of The United States. The idea is to display the benches, then auction them off at the 5K run/Sculptfusion event in October. Marquette art students will have renderings ready for the **March** meeting.

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Dennis) to accept the 190 Anniversary of Michigan City and the 250th Anniversary of The United States theme. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Przybylinski reported that he will secure lumber either by donation or MAC will purchase if everything for the benches falls into place

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Dennis) to purchase the bench lumber if it is not donated in the next 2 weeks. The motion carried unanimously

**4. Review Master Plan committee (Ms. Jacobi, Bloch, Dennis, Graves)**

Ms. Bloch, Jacobi and Dennis updated the Master Plan with notes and suggestions (**see attachment**). The changes will be voted on in **March**.

**5. Former Mayor Photo Project**

Mr. Kubik reported that the remaining Mayor photos and other historic photos will be placed soon.

**6. Banner Art**

Mr. Kubik will consult with Mayor Angie to secure funding and a design idea for the banners. This opportunity will be reported in **March**.

**7. Block Parties & Art Dedications**

On going

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

The Sculptfusion Artists Reception will coincide with the 5-K run/walk at Millennium Plaza on October 10th beginning at 1:00 pm. Ms. Eason will secure food truck and a cash bar.

□ **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Dennis) to host Sculptfusion on October 10th after the 5-K. The motion carried unanimously

**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. They will have renderings ready for the **March** meeting.

**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. We will ask for help from Otocast to create a connection.

- **New Business:**

- 1. Dragonfly Sculptures.**

No report.

- 2. Sculptfusion 2026-2028**

Ms. Bloch suggested that a consultant be hired for the 2029-2031 search. Ms Jacobi asks MAC to hire someone to repaint Celebrate.

- 3. Bike Racks**

Ms. Eason will have a report for the **March** meeting

- **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 host a Business Before Hours at Red Mill County Park on Tuesday, February 24th starting at 8:00 am.

The La Porte County Farm Bureau will host their chili supper on March 24 at the Community Center in La Crosse beginning at 6 pm. There is no charge, no need to respond, bring a dish to share. This is a good networking opportunity to meet local politicians and local farm people.

MC, LP and Westville Chambers will host a Business Before Hours on March 27 at Biggby Coffee-Westville.

- **Adjournment**

- Motion**

It was moved (Przybylinski) and seconded (Eason) to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am. The motion carried unanimously

The next meeting will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, 100 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 on Thursday March 19, 2026 starting at 10 am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Matt Kubik Chair