



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

Call to Order: Matt Kubik 9:05 am

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

Absent: Katie Mitschelen, Kenny Smith

Guests: Scott M, Sharon Carnes, Taylor Scott, Eric

• Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the February 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 February was reviewed: The balance in the operating fund was \$25,818,80 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:

Scott M reported that after talking with EDC they suggested that the Leopold Benches not be placed in the Uptown

Ms. Carnes was looking for support for a Landmark and Art Guide for Michigan City similar to the one titled Decay Devils Landmark & Art Guides Celebrating Northwest Indiana's History, Art and Cultural Spaces.

<https://www.decaydevils.org/>

Ms. Scott introduced herself at the new President of the Michigan City Mainstreet Association

Eric introduced himself as an employee of Ink Well and said that they are looking for an area in Uptown to paint a mural on private property. Ms. Daley will send Ink Well the project criteria.

Old Business

1. Report concerning a percentage for art from Redevelopment –

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

Mayor Angie does not want an ordinance established. She will pursue the idea of a percentage for art with developers as she sees fit.

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

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

3. Leopold Bench Fundraising Project

Mr. Kubik reported that the lumber has been purchased, delivered to work force and the 15 benches are being built. He will send out a call for artists and will offer \$200 as a stipend per artist.

Motion

It was moved (Bloch) and seconded (Ryszka) to pay each Leopold Bench artist \$200. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Cooper contacted the downtown merchants and got positive feedback on the project.

Ms. Eason reported that a request to Kabelins has been sent asking for a donation of paint.

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.

5-K Run Walk

Mr. Ryszka reported that food and entertainment is in place at Millennium Plaza with the help of Harbor Country Adventures. Participants are asked to dress as their favorite piece of art or artist. Registration fee will be \$25.

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 **April**.

5. Former Mayor Photo Project

Mr. Kubik reported that the remaining Mayor photos and other historic photos will be placed soon. Once the photos are in place MAC will host an unveiling hopefully during the State of the City address.

6. Banner Art

Mr. Kubik reported that Mayor Angie will provide the funding and a design idea for the banners and installation. A call for local artists will be made with a stipend of \$100 paid to any art that is accepted. This proposed artwork will be voted on in **April**.

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. Mr. Ryszka has secured a food truck and Ms. Eason a cash bar. She will provide a sound system and Mr. Ryszka is looking into possibly having some live entertainment.

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

On going

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.**

The sculptures will be placed when the Fedders Alley project is finished.

- 2. Sculptfusion 2026-2028**

Ms. Eason reported that moving Sentinel will be too expensive so it will stay on Franklin Street. The Committee is asked to review sites for the placement of Liquid Sunshine. That decision will be made in **April**.

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

- 3. Bike Racks**

On going

- 4. Prospective cookies**

The committee is asked to review public spaces for cookies to be placed with the anticipation of new sculpture in the future.

- 5. Election of officers**

- Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Cooper) to ask Mr. Kubik to remain as chair, Ms. Bloch to remain as Vice Chair and Ms. Eason to remain as Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

- Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Cooper) to ask Ms. Daley to remain secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

- **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**

Mr. Kubik will send a press release concerning the Leopold Benches call for artists ASAP. Ms. Jacobi will provide the media list.

- 4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC**

- 5. Announcements:**

Ms. Daley announced that everyone is invited to the Westville Area Chamber of Commerce host a Business Before Hours at Milmar Post Buildings on Thursday, March 26 starting at 8:30am. Then a 3 Chamber event will be hosted at Biggby's Coffee-Westville on Friday, March 27 starting at 8:00 am

Ms. Cooper announced that the LP County Society will activate an architecture tour of La Porte on Otocast.

Ms. Dennis reminded that the last LP County Symphony concert will be on April 18 at the La Porte Civic starting at 7:00 pm. There are still tickets available for "Remember When Rock Was Young, The Elton John Experience "https://lcso.net/

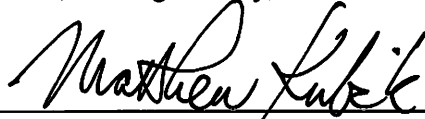
- **Adjournment**

- 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 4th Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 on Thursday April 16, 2026 starting at 10 am.

Signed



Matt Kubik Chair