



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
May 21, 2026

Call to Order: Matt Kubik @10:10 AM

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

Absent : Kenny Smith

Guests: Kurt Gillins, Cory Hagelberg, Scott Meland, Sharon Karnes

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed

- **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for April was reviewed: The balance in the operating fund was \$20,486.24 and \$1,316.46 in the gifts and donations fund.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Dennis) and seconded by (Cooper) to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mr. Gillins had some project ideas including an art walk with visiting artists bringing sculpture and a possibility of MAC purchasing the sculptures. He also recommended wrapping utility boxes.

Mr. Hagelberg is working at the Lubeznik Center and may attend meeting in the future.

Mr Meland complimented MAC on their accomplishments and suggested that future developments include pedestals for sculptures.

Ms. Carnes distributed the new brochure from Northwest Indiana Landmarks + Art Guide for Michigan City.

OLD BUSINESS

Fund Raisers & Sponsorship Opportunities & Neighborhood Art

1. Leopold Benches

Mr. Kubik gave an update of the Leopold Bench Project. Benches have been picked up. He suggested that people pay to vote for their favorite bench. Ms. Cooper will send Ms. Eason the site locations.

2. 5K Run/Walk

Mr. Ryszka II updated the committee on the 5K Art Walk. He is working with Otocast to add badges that visitors can collect. Once they collect a certain amount, they could be

entered into a drawing for a free prize, which could be donated. He is working a flyer/poster, applications for vendors and run/walk participants.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Eason) and seconded (Bloch) to hire bands for the event and pay each one the same. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Motion**

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Dennis) to charge a \$50 vendor fee. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Ryszka II) and seconded (Bloch) to approve the Otocast badge program contingent of approval of the Board of Works. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Block Parties & Art Dedications

- **Former Mayor Photo Project**

Mr. Kubik reported that the remaining Mayor photos and other historic photos will be placed soon. The rails need to be removed and repainted and the project is on his agenda. We need to set a date for the unveiling which needs to be coordinated with the Mayor.

4. Sculptfusion Artist Reception October 10, 1pm

On going

5. Otocast

Mr. Ryszka II reported that there are several corrections that need to take place.

6. Move tower of Winds

Mr. Kubik presented several options for the move. Be ready to vote at the June meeting.

6. Banner Art Project

A timeline needs to be established and the call for artists will take place now.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Daley) and seconded (Cooper) to prepare a call for artists with timelines. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Master Plan Review & Vote

Revisions passed by a voice vote.

8. Select Midtown site for cookie for future art

New sites will be presented in June

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sculptfusion 2027-2028

Ms. Eason and Mr. Kubik will investigate the 2027 MAC budget to determine if we can afford to hire a manager for Sculptfusion

2. Maintenance & Repair

Mr. Ryszka II reported the "Ram on the Run" is in need of repair immediately and it is not safe for children to climb on. Also, the Tom Scarff piece next to Barker Mansion needs some repair.

3. Review Tim Adams sculptures for lease and placement if selected

Ms. Bloch requested that his item be removed because this sculpture is no longer available.

Ongoing Business

1. Art Project Requests

No requests were presented

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Daley) and seconded (Dennis) to accept the children's art scholarship request. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PR, Marketing, Press releases

No report

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

No report

5. Announcements

Ms. Eason reported that the Fedders Alley project will begin September 8.

Ms. Dennis is now on the Board of Directors for the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra.

Ms. Daley announced that the Otocast app for the art tour of the PNW campus is ready.

Mr. Ryszka II will host an Artist Reception for Dennis Maloney at Rising Phoenix Gallery.

On July 3 from 5-7 pm

It was suggested that a commemorative brick be placed at Millennium Plaza for CarolAnn Brown thanking her for all of her years of work and dedication, since its inception, to MAC.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Daley) and seconded (Bloch) to place a brick and dedicate at the October event. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment -11:25 am

The next regular meeting will be held in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, 100 E 4th Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 on Thursday June 18, 2026 starting at 10 a.m. CST.

Signed


Matt Kubik Chair

Date: 6-18-2026