



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
June 18, 2026

Call to Order: Matt Kubik @10:05 AM

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

Absent :

Guests: Cory Hagelberg, Sharon Karnes, Taylor Scott, Carlton Bishop

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed

- **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for April was reviewed: The balance in the operating fund was \$16,346.24 and \$1,221.46 in the gifts and donations fund.

- **Motion**

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

Public Comment:

- Taylor Scott introduced herself as representing MC Mainstreet Association. She is working with Carlton Bishop to "Explore the District"
- Carlton Bishop was representing EC Marketing who is promoting "Explore the District". He was asking for a buy from MAC for \$300. to be a part of this initiative along with some other downtown merchants. If we invest \$300 then Mainstreet will match that and it can be used to promote Otocast along with other events through the end of the year.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Smith) and seconded by (Eason) to join EC marketing accepting their proposal to invest \$300 for promotion until the end of the year. The motion carried unanimously.

- Sharon Carnes is promoting the 5K sponsorship levels on their website Decay Devils
- Sandy Young wants to promote her Devine Vintage Story Walks in the Uptown district and would like some buy in from MAC. The discussion was tabled until the July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Fund Raisers & Sponsorship Opportunities & Neighborhood Art

1. Leopold Benches

The 19 sites for the benches have been selected. Mr. Kubik will email the locations to Ms. Eason.

2. 5K Run/Walk

Mr. Ryszka II updated the committee on the 5K Art Walk. He is finalizing the website, choosing the music and has acquired a food truck (Sweet Lou, That's Who).

3. Block Parties/Art Dedications/Former Mayor Photo Project

Mr. Kubik reported that Mayor photos and other historic photos have been received and are stored in the basement of City Hall. They will be installed soon and we need to set a date for the unveiling which needs to be coordinated with the Mayor.

4. Sculptfusion and Artist Reception October 10, 1pm

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. The Ram Sculpture located in Washington Park is broken in several places and is totally unsafe. Ms. Bloch will contact Richard Kiebdaj to see if her is interested in making repairs. In the meantime Mr. Babcock and Mr. Kerr will be asked to bring a crane to remove it. It will be barricaded for now to keep the public safe.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Mitschelen) and seconded by (Przybylinski) to barricade the Ram until it can be removed. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Otocast

Mr. Ryszka II reported that the is designing the badges and adding GPS coordinates for the new sculptures.

6. Banner Art Project

Mr. Kubik has received 32 designs from 9 artists, however there are some he cannot open. A sub-committee of the following: *Kubik, Eason, Cooper* was formed to send the call for artists again, but drop the request of highlighting MC 190 year anniversary since the banners will be up in 2027.

7. Select Midtown site for cookie for future art

New sites will be presented in July

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. Ms. Bloch suggested that we need to explore hiring an art coordinator to create proposals and find artists. She will find our old proposal that was used several years ago as a reference guide.

Ongoing Business

1. Art Project Requests

No requests were presented

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Daley) and seconded (Cooper) to accept the 2 children's art scholarship request. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PR, Marketing, Press releases

Leopold Bench press release will be sent out the last week of June

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

No report

5. Announcements

Inkwell Studio Tattoos will host an art event on August 14 called Concrete Canvas which will feature chalk art. It will begin at 4 pm.

Promotion for the PNW Odyssey Art Tour will begin soon and it can be accessed on Otocast app.

The Center for Creative Solutions will host a Stained Glass Tour of Michigan City on Saturday, September 9th. It will begin and end at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church. 9 am - 3pm. Tour is free and there will be bus service and light refreshments throughout the day. RSVP creativity2@comcast.net

Mr. Ryszka II will host an Artist Reception for Dennis Maloney at Rising Phoenix Gallery. On July 3 from 5-7 pm

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 July 16, 2026 starting at 10 a.m. CST.

Signed


Matt Kubik Chair

Date: 07/16/2026