

Minutes

Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City July 16, 2026

Call to Order: Matt Kubik @10:10 AM

Present in Person: Shannon Eason, Kathy Dennis, Don Przybylinski, Dale Cooper, John Ryszka II, Jane Daley, Kenny Smith

Absent : Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Katie Mitschelen

Guests: Scott Meland

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed

- **Motion**

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for June was reviewed: The balance in the operating fund was \$16,346.24 and \$926.46 in the gifts and donations fund. \$5,000 is reserved for the Michigan Blvd mural maintenance.

We received \$780 from Kabelins as a give back

- **Motion**

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

Public Comment:

- Mr. Meland congratulated MAC on the Leopold bench project. He suggested that a map of the benches be created to guide visitors to view them. Mr. Meland said that he speaks publicly concerning a percentage of new developments be dedicated to public art.

OLD BUSINESS

Fund Raisers & Sponsorship Opportunities & Neighborhood Art

1. Leopold Benches

The 19 sites for the benches have been selected. Ms. Daley will put the locations on our Facebook page. Ms. Cooper asks that any benches that are moved should be approved by MAC.

Majik Factory would like to host a bench artist reception on August 8th starting at 9 am.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Cooper) and seconded by (Eason) to spend up to \$200 for refreshments for the reception at the Majik Factory. The motion carried unanimously

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). The event subcommittee: *Eason, Kubik, Cooper, Ryszka will meet to establish a fee for entertainment.*

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

Mayor photos project is ongoing.

4. Sulptfusion and Artist Reception October 10, 1pm

2. Maintenance & Repair

"Ram on the Run"

Ms. Eason reported Ram has been fenced off and signs added "closed for repairs, keep out." I am waiting to hear back from Larson-Danielson. Park Maintenance can move the Ram to our maintenance facility yard on Monday, July 20th but no guarantee it won't be damaged further

5. Otocast

Mr. Ryszka II reported that Otocast wants to contact some of the privately owned art for payment.

6. Banner Art Project

A sub-committee of the following: *Kubik, Eason, Cooper* has selected 16 proposals for the banners

7. Select Midtown site for cookie for future art

On going

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. This discussion was tabled until August.

Ongoing Business

1. Art Project Requests

No requests were presented

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests.

3. PR, Marketing, Press releases

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

No report

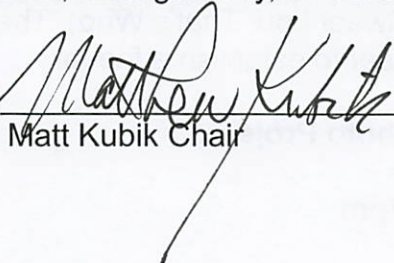
5. Announcements

- 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 19th. It will begin and end at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E Coolspring from 9 am - 3pm. Tour will include 6 churches and is free and there will be bus service and light refreshments throughout the day. RSVP creativity2@comcast.net or 219-363-8084.
- Mr. Ryszka II is still hosting an exhibit for Dennis Maloney at Rising Phoenix Gallery.

Adjournment -11:15 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 August 20, 2026 starting at 10 a.m. CST.

Signed


Matt Kubik Chair

Date: 8-20-2026