



**Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
August 20, 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, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch

Absent : Katie Mitschelen

Guests: Sharon Karnes, Scott Meland

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the July 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 July was reviewed: The balance in the operating fund was \$15,490.24 and \$1,266.46 in the gifts and donations fund. \$5,000 is reserved for the Michigan Blvd mural maintenance.

- **Motion**

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

Public Comment:

- Mr. Meland congratulated MAC on the continued forward thinking projects. Ms. Karnes has offered her help at the 5K Walk.

OLD BUSINESS

Fund Raisers & Sponsorship Opportunities & Neighborhood Art

The Majik Factory hosted a bench artist reception on August 8th which was attended by artists and some MAC committee members.

2. 5K Run/Walk

Mr. Ryszka II updated the committee on the 5K Art Walk. The event subcommittee: Eason, Daley, Cooper, Smith, and Ryszka will meet again soon to fine tune the event and choose a band.

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

Mayor photos project will be completed today.

4. Sulptfusion and Artist Reception October 10, 1pm

5. Maintenance & Repair

Thom Scarf Untitled has had a second assessment and plans are being developed to address the issues with the base plate, Mikinaak needs a information placard and mortar repair. Set Sail needs minor paint repairs but is up for renewal so no further action will be taken.

6. Otocast

Mr. Ryszka II reported that he is working with Otocast to move forward with GPS coordinates, badges and maintenance

7. Banner Art Project

The Banner project was approved by the BOW. A sub-committee of the following: *Kubik, Eason, Cooper* has selected 19 banners, location will be the next project

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 September.

Ms. Bloch reported that a piece of sculpture by S. Thomas Scarff has become available for purchase.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Daley) and seconded by (Eason) to purchase the Scarff piece contingent on a lease from the Lubeznik Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A site for this sculpture will be chosen at the next meeting.

2. Master Plan for 2027

An annual public art planning calendar was presented to the committee.

3. New or renew sculptures for 2027

The following sculptures have been renewed:

Bedecked billows - Ohio Street Fire Station-renew on same site

Connected - SW Corner, 4th & Franklin- renew on same site

Entangled - 5th & Franklin-renew on same site

Tree of Life - Memorial Park-renew on same site

Galaxy - 8th & Michigan-renew

Chrysalis - Striebel Pond-renew on same site

Flight - Triangle north of City Hall-renew and move to a different site

Sentinel - 7th & Franklin-renew on same site

Tower of Winds - Farmers Market-move

Ongoing Business

1. Art Project Requests

No requests were presented

2. Children's Art Scholarship Requests.

No requests were submitted

3. PR, Marketing, Press releases

On going

4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC

Ms. Bloch reported that the Small Business Alliance would like to work more closely with MAC

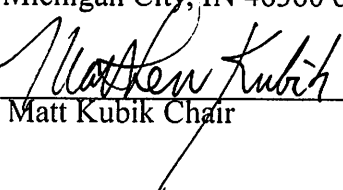
5. Announcements

- The Dragon Flies have been cleaned and repainted for Fedders Alley Project. Two local people have donated the money to purchase them.
- Barker Hall is being updated
- 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.

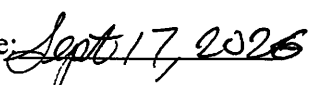
Adjournment -11:17 am

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 September 17, 2026 starting at 10 a.m. CST.

Signed


Matt Kubik Chair

Date:


Sept 17, 2026