MICHIGAN CITY PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Michigan City Public Art Committee Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall Michigan City
September 17, 2026

Call to Order: Matt Kubik @10:05 AM
Present in Person: Shannon Eason, Kathy Dennis, Don Przybylinski, Dale Cooper, John Ryszka II, Jane Daley, Kenny Smith, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Katie Mitschelen
Absent: Dale Cooper, Kenny Smith
Guests: Sharon Karnes

Approval of Minutes:
Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed

- **Motion**

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

Financial Report:
The financial report for August was reviewed: The balance in the operating fund was $10,611.24 and $1,267.29 in the gifts and donations fund. $5,000 is reserved for the Michigan Blvd mural maintenance.

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Bloch) and seconded by (Daley) to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
Ms. Eason requested the following movement of money:
Transfer:
Fund 1101.500 Michigan City Public Art Fund

Increase account 431.050 Other Professional Services	$175.00
Increase account 437.050 Other Rentals	$15,825.00
Decrease account 439.090 Contractual Services.	$16,000.00

Encumber the 5 lease payments below from the 2026 budget to the 2027 budget.

2025-2027 Ray Katz Galaxy payment 2 of 2	$2,000.00
2025-2027 Ray Katz Sentinel payment 2 of 2	$2,000.00
2025-2027 Hilde DeBruyne Tree of Life payment 2 of 2	$2,000.00
2025-2027 Hilde DeBruyne Flight payment 2 of 2	$2,000.00
2025-2027 Maureen Gray Connected payment 2 of 2	$2,000.00

Motion
It was moved by (Eason) and seconded by (Bloch) to accept the movement of money and the encumbered monies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:
- Ms. Karnes will help at the 5K Walk.

OLD BUSINESS
1. **Fund Raisers & Sponsorship Opportunities & Neighborhood Art**
On going
-Art Walk/5K Walk
Mr. Ryszka II updated the committee on the 5K Art Walk. The event subcommittee: Eason, Kubik, Cooper, Ryszka, Daley will meet again soon to fine tune the event.
- Everyone should arrive by 9:30 to register walkers and start the music.
- Costume contest winners and bench auction will begin at noon.

- Marquette students will man the route.
- Sculptfusion artist recognition and brick dedication will happen at 1 pm
- Mr. Ryszka II received a request from a school for a discounted rate.
  - **Motion**

It was moved by (Kubik) and seconded by (Bloch) to schools a group rate of $150. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Kubik will add one more photo to the wall and work with the mayor for a launch date sometime in November.

3. Sulptfusion and Artist Reception

Artist recognition will happen during the Art Walk on October, 10th at 1 pm

4. Maintenance & Repair

Thom Scarf Untitled piece needs replacement of the glass tube. The piece has been purchased by the Lubeznik Center for the Arts and they will donate it to the city to be placed at Coolspring & Franklin

5. Otocast, time for renewal

- **Motion**

It was moved by (Eason) and seconded by (Daley) to renew the Otocast fee for 2027. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Banner Art Project

The Banners and project locations will be chosen in October

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/consultant. A report was submitted for review and the vote will take place in October.

2. Master Plan for 2027

On going

3. New or renew sculptures for 2027

New sites and new sculptures will be chosen at the October meeting

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

Joyride is charging $300 per trike for a total of $2,700 for the year. No action was taken at this time.

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 Odyssey Art Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 starting at 5 pm. Meet in the Great Hall on the PNW Westville Campus.
- The Michigan City Public Library will move the Thom Scarff piece titled Centura out of their courtyard to the front of their building.

Adjournment -11:08 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, October 15, 2026 starting at 10 a.m. CST.

Signed Matthew Kubik Date: 10/15/2026

Matt Kubik Chair