



Creating a Community Identity Through Public Art

**Minutes**  
**Michigan City Public Art Committee**  
**Mayors Conference Room, City Hall, 100 E Michigan Blvd,**  
**Michigan City, IN 46360**  
**January 20, 2015**  
**3:00 pm**

**Call to Order:** Janet Bloch

**Attendees:** Linda Simmons, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi, Shannon Eason, Robin Kohn, Janet Bloch, Kia Bergerson, Erika Hanner, Tim Haas

**Minutes:**

The November minutes were reviewed.

**Motion**

It was moved (Easons) and seconded (Simmons) to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

Ms. Eason reported that the new 2015 budget balance is \$22,770. There \$1,040.46 held in the Lubeznik Center in reserve for MAC.

**Motion**

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Kohn) to accept the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

\$25,000 was paid to Mike Grucza for his damaged piece of sculpture. A request will be made to the City and Mainstreet to be aware of the downtown art when placing Santa's house and vendor booths during events.

**Fund Raising Committee**

**No report**

**Children's Art Scholarships**

**No requests.**

Ms. Daley will send a letter to area artists and studios informing them about the Children's Scholarship opportunities and she will send a press release to invite families to participate.

**Art Projects**

**No requests**

Ms. Bloch asks the committee to bring ideas for revising the MAC artists' guidelines for submitting proposals for art projects and to add some verbiage for follow up from the recipients to the committee.

**Westcott Park Kiosk**

**No report**

**Richard Hunt:**

Artist Richard Hunt contacted MAC to offer a piece of his work, however he has been very difficult to reach, so Ms. Simmons has agreed to try to get in touch with him and find out his intentions.

### **New Business**

#### **Review Guidelines**

Ms. Bloch requested that the committee review the guidelines and make any recommendations for changes at the February meeting.

#### **Sculptfusion**

Ms. Bloch will establish what the artists want to do with their sculpture for 2015. There are 7 pieces that will need to be replaced or rented for another year. Ms. Eason, Ms. Jacobi and Ms. Bloch will review the budget to see what MAC can afford in 2015.

MAC committee members were asked to review the Sculptfusion website before the February meeting.

There is an application available to tour the Sculptfusion art throughout the city and the consultant that is proposing this app will be invited to make a presentation at the February meeting. If MAC decides to use this app we can eliminate the brochure.

#### **Lake Michigan Gateway Implementation Strategy**

The committee has not been consulted concerning the folly art that has been indicated on the drawings for the downtown area. Ms. Eason will consult with the City Planner, Craig Phillips, to determine what is really being planned.

#### **Report on ArtSpace**

No report

#### **Report from MCNEAT**

Ms. Daley reported that the Lincoln Funeral Train will visit Michigan City on May 15-17 and it will be parked in the parking lot next to Millennium Park. Funding is being provided by the Michigan City Historical Society and Michigan City Redevelopment, plus any donations that are collected. The Unity Foundation has agreed to be the pass through for the funds.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

#### **Next meeting**

The next Michigan City Public Art Committee meeting will be February 17, 2015 in the Mayors Conference Room, City Hall, 100 E Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, IN 46360 starting at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Daley - Secretary