



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
April 21, 2016
2:00 pm

Call to Order: Erika Hanner

Attendees: Erika Hanner, CarolAnn Brown, Janet Bloch Jane Daley, Tim Haas, Pat Boy, Dale Cooper, Robin Kohn, Judy Jacobi, Jessica Rosier, Shannon Easton and Lora Fosberg

Minutes:

The special meeting on March 1st minutes were reviewed.

Motion

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

The special meeting on March 23rd minutes were reviewed.

Motion

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

Financial Report:

Ms. Eason reported that there is 19,858.41 in the non-reverting fund and \$14,550.00 in the operating fund.

Motion

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

Ms. Bloch is concerned about renewal of some of the sculpture pieces this year and asked that the lease of some of the pieces be kept on the agenda.

Public Comment:

Ms. Fosberg asks the committee to consider a possible project by artist Matthew Hoffman to be placed in the open space that will be left when the police station is removed in January. This project could be moved around to various open spaces as the city is developed. The sculpture titled "You are Beautiful" could cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Eason) to approach the RDC for approval of this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fosberg will explain to the RDC where the sculpture could be after the open space at the police station and how it could be branded to a sister city.

Old Business

Sculptfusion

“Off the Diet” is still not in its new location on the SE corner of 7th and Franklin Street. Mr. Haas is waiting to set a date to install it from the monument company.

Westcott Park Kiosk

The park department is inspecting the kiosk weekly when they are in the park. Ms. Cooper will place new art at the request of the committee. Ms. Hanner would like to see something new before summer.

Otocast Mobil Application

Ms. Hanner appointed the following people to serve on a sub-committee to make some recommendation concerning promotion of the app. Erika Hanner, Dale Cooper, Shannon Eason, Jane Daley.

Motion

It was moved (Boy) and seconded (Brown) to add the Wabash Street sculptures and the Agri-Sculptures to the app. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hanner said there is \$1,000 budgeted for the Otocast rollout.

Wabash Street Project

Ms. Fosberg, reported that construction on Wabash Street will be completed in July and then it will be ready for the sculpture installation. Nathan Pierce and Bernard Williams were the two artists that were selected for the project.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Bloch) to place Nathan Pierce’s piece at the intersection of US Hwy 12 & Wabash Street and Bernard Williams piece at 11th Street & Wabash Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hanner asked that Saturday, July 30th be reserved to unveil the Wabash Street sculpture and that it be held at the Farmers Market.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Bloch) to send Ms. Fosberg before the RDC to ask for funds for the Wabash Street Sculpture roll-out on July 30th. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Nomination and election of officers

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Bloch) to ask the existing officers, Erika Hanner president, Shannon Eason financial, Jane Daley secretary and to add Tim Haas as vice president. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor’s conference room & council chambers

Ms. Boy recommended that the committee examine the city archives for art and maps that could be repurposed on the walls of the council chambers. Ms. Bloch

and Ms. Brown will explore that project for the possible creation of a large mural for the walls. The mayor's conference room will be considered at a later meeting.

Police Station Park

This project was discussed in the public comments

Committee Reports:

Website-CarolAnn Brown & Judy Jacobi

There will be a progress report at the May meeting.

Art Projects:

There were no new requests for funding.

Ms. Eason asks the committee to present some ideas for art to be placed on the Singing Sands bicycle trail. We will need to present a budget and make a call to artists.

Children's Art Scholarships

There were 2 scholarship requests.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Daley) to approve both requests to participate in the Drawing for Teens class offered by the Lubeznik Center for a total of \$240. The motion carried unanimously.

MCNEAT Report

The April MCNEAT minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting.

Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports

No report

Adjournment:

Ms. Hanner adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.

Next meeting

The next Michigan City Public Art Committee meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in the Mayors Conference Room, City Hall, 100 E Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, IN 46360 starting at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Daley - Secretary