



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
October 21, 2014
3:00 pm

Call to Order: Janet Bloch

Attendees: Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi, Shannon Eason, Robin Kohn, Janet Bloch, Tim Haas, CarolAnn Brown Guest Al Whitlow

Minutes:

The September minutes were reviewed.

Motion

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

Financial Report:

Ms. Jacobi reported that the budget balance for September was \$518.64. There \$1,040.64 held in the Lubeznik Center in reserve for MAC.

Motion

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

Ms. Jacobi reported that there is \$15,900.00 remaining in the Donation fund.

Ms. Eason agreed to become the new treasurer and Ms. Jacobi was thanked for her years of service and dedication.

Motion

It was moved (Brown) and seconded (Daley) to accept Ms. Eason as the new treasurer beginning immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

2014 Sculptfusion

The damaged piece of sculpture that was damage during Taste of Michigan City is still being assessed and no decision has been made at this time. The resolution of this problem is between the City and the Artist.

Mike Grucza has signed an MOU to replace the damaged piece of art for a rental fee of \$1.00. Installation of the new piece will be \$334.00.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Haas) to accept Mr. Grucza's new piece for a rental fee of \$1.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Kohn) to pay \$334.00 for installation of the new piece. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Broch shared the results of the (Poll everything) text voting for the sculpture in the Uptown Arts District.

Fund Raising Committee

No report

Steamroller

Chris Grohs and Nichole Schafer (two of the Steamroller artist) will attend the November meeting to discuss how they plan on showcasing their work. Also, the committee decided to display the Steamroller works at the Lubeznik Center, Michigan City Library and Visit Michigan City LaPorte in late January or early February. Some of the Steamroller prints have been donated to MAC for sale and the proceeds will go into our Donation Fund. Ms. Brown will get pictures of the Steamroller art to share with the committee.

Westcott Park Kiosk

No report

New Business

Projects

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.

Children's Art Scholarships

No requests.

Report on ArtSpace

No report

Public Comment

Mr. Al Whitlow discussed with the committee the community's concern about the future of the Robert Grafton mural that is displayed in the front entrance of Elston Junior High School. Since the school is closed there is concern for the safety and preservation of the mural. Mr. Whitlow would like the painting preserved and kept at Elston and made available for public viewing. With the prospect of the LaPorte County Family YMCA bringing programs and a presence to Elston the committee feels sure that the mural will not be in jeopardy.

Ms. Daley reminded the committee that 2015 Visitors Guide sales are wrapping up and she feels that MAC should renew their advertising in the publication. She explained that 125,000 copies will be printed, that they are distributed throughout the county, placed in the plazas on I-80 and in the LaPorte County I-94 visitors' center. She went on to say that they are distributed at major conferences and events and mailed out upon request. The Visitors Guide is also a page through on the Visit Michigan City LaPorte website. Some committee members felt that there were no funds advertising in the Visitors Guide, however Ms. Eason explained that there were funds that could be moved to cover the expense of promotion. She went on to say that the Park Department hands out thousands of Visitors Guides in the summer months. After much discussion Ms. Brown asked for a show of hands to determine if there was enough interest from the committee to continue with a motion. There were 3 members in favor, 3 members against and 2 members undecided, so Ms. Daley concluded that MAC will not advertise in the 2015 Visitors Guide.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next meeting

The next Michigan City Public Art Committee meeting will be November 18, 2014 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