



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
November 18, 2014
3:00 pm

Call to Order: Janet Bloch

Attendees: Linda Simmons, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi, Shannon Eason, Robin Kohn, Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown Guest Nichole Sheaffer, Chris Grohs, Lora Fosberg

Minutes:

The October minutes were reviewed.

Motion

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

Financial Report:

Ms. Eason reported that the budget balance for November 18th was \$185.00 in the operating fund and \$14,300.00 in the Non-reverting fund. 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.

Motion

It was moved (Kohn) and seconded (Brown) to make a payment of \$185.00 to Sam Hook for development of the 2015 Sculptfusion website. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

2014 Sculptfusion

Mike Gruzca insurance payment for the damaged piece of sculpture on 6th and Franklin is still pending.

Fund Raising Committee

No report

Steamroller

Chris Grohs, Lora Fosberg and Nichole Schafer (Steamroller artists) attended the meeting and reported that they estimate that 500 + people of all ages were in attendance. They saw local people as well as visitors. They would like to do the project again if it was fully funded and with a little money for the artists. Even though 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, the artists decided to just work with the Lubeznik Center. An opening is planned in February with the possibility of the remaining prints displayed at the library and CVB later. The Lubeznik show will run February 17th through April 18th some of the Steamroller prints have been donated to MAC for sale and the proceeds will into our Donation Fund. Ms. Brown will get pictures of the Steamroller art to share with the committee. After April 15 Ms. Bloch and Ms. Sheaffer will donate money back to MAC

Art Projects Criteria

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

Richard Hunt offered to donate a piece of sculpture for permanent display at Westcott Park. Ms. Brown said she has not heard from him in quite some time and suggested that MAC visit him in his studio. Ms. Daley will send all press releases to Ms. Brown so that she can prepare a formal proposal.

**New Business
Projects**

No new project requests were submitted

Children's Art Scholarships

No requests.

Report on ArtSpace

No report

Ms. Bloch will invite Tim Bietry to our next meeting to bring the committee up to date concerning ArtSpace.

Sculptfusion 2015

Ms. Bloch asks that everyone start thinking about how to negotiate or purchase sculpture for 2015.

Ms. Eason said the Park Department master plan is being developed and that public art will be a priority in their budget.

The MAC committee feels that they need to have input into the local art when the Lake Michigan Gateway Implementation Strategy is developed. MAC needs to be consulted concerning the public art that is being proposed at this time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next meeting

There will be no December meeting.

The next Michigan City Public Art Committee meeting will be January 20, 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