



Minutes
Michigan City Public Art Committee
Zoom Meeting
January 21, 2021 10:00 am

Call to Order: Robin Kohn

Attendees: Robin Kohn, Jane Daley, Matt Kubik, Shannon Eason, Judy Jacobi, John Ryszka, Janet Bloch, Dale Cooper CarolAnn Brown; Guest Lilli Rosado

Minutes:

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.

Motion

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for November was reviewed: We have \$11,945.00 in our frozen operating budget and \$1,479.13 in the donation budget.

Motion

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

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Brown) to decrease account Other Supplies of \$4,061.00 and increase account Professional Services by \$4,061.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Vote on MAC officers for 2021.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Jacobi) to retain the same officers as last year; President Robin Kohn, Vice-President Janet Bloch, Secretary Jane Daley, Treasurer Shannon Eason. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Kiosk in Westcott Park** - *Subcommittee: Dale Cooper, John Ryszka and Matt Kubik*

No report

- **Add Photos to City Council Chamber** - *Subcommittee: John Ryszka and Matt Kubik*

Due to the ongoing concerns with COVID-19 pandemic it was decided to postpone the unveiling of the historic photos and the Charles Westcott 101 birthday party until a suitable time and safe place can be decided. Ms. Eason suggested that a media campaign be put together to celebrate Charles Westcott that would coincide with "Black History Month".

- **Native American Project** - *Subcommittee – CarolAnn Brown, Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley*

Ms. Dennis was unable to attend the meeting, but she sent word the Jason Quigno will have a piece of sculpture ready by March 1st 2021.

New Business:

- **Annual Report**

Ms. Eason reported that the Annual Report and the Master Plan are ready to be presented to the City Council.

- **Master Plan - Subcommittee** *Matt Kubik, CarolAnn Brown, Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Don Presbylinsky*

Mr. Kubik ask that the new goals be listed in the minutes for discussion at our monthly meetings.

The major goals of the Public Art Program are:

- Implement the Master Plan
- Enhance the visibility of Michigan City
- Use public art as a means to further the community's sense of spirit and pride
- Encourage cultural tourism through public art
- Give visual expression to cultural diversity
- Involve artists in realizing MAC's mission
- Create a strong sense of community
- Engage artists in the overall planning and design of the City, including both new projects and rethinking the existing visual fabric of the community Page 6 of 154
- To spearhead and encourage the City to develop and institute a Percent for Art Ordinance, using negotiations with potential developers to support public art until such an ordinance is enacted
- Increase patronage of public art and art programming
- Create partnerships that expand the resources available to the public art program with other organizations, businesses and private individuals interested in and supportive of the arts

Report concerning 2% for art from Redevelopment

On hold

- **Sculptfusion**

Ms. Eason reported that 8 sculptures will come up for renewal in June & July 2021. Ms. Eason secured 2 Ray Katz pieces for the 2021-22 season.

- **Off the Diet**

The City owned piece, "Off the Diet, The Thin Series" has been removed and placed into storage because MAC feels it is too delicate to remain on the street. Ms. Eason reported that the artist estimated \$1,500-\$2,000 to repair and reinstall the piece. Ms. Eason and Mr. Kubik will investigate other repairs and they will find a new, more secure, site for the piece.

Otocast

No report

- **Murals for Westcott Park**– *Subcommittee: Cooper, Ryszka, Kubik*

Ms. Jacobi reported that the Mainstreet Association has selected and artist and the piece of sculpture honoring Naomi Bowman Talbert Anderson. MAC got to read the artists biography and see a rendering of the piece.

Motion:

It was moved (Bloch) and seconded (Eason) to endorse the project in accordance with the MAC Master Plan and the rules of Michigan City. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Fund Raisers**

On hold

Committee Reports

- **Art Projects:**

There were no requests

- **Children's Art Scholarship Requests:**

No requests were received

- **PR Committee:** *Subcommittee Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi*

- **Michigan City Mainstreet Association**

Michigan City Mainstreet Association will place a mural on the side of a building in the Uptown Arts District on the back of the Hokkaido Japanese Restaurant building.

Mainstreet has submitted a certificate of appropriateness to the Historic Review Board for their approval.

Michigan City Merchants Association

No report

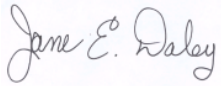
Comments

No comments

Adjournment: 11:21 am

Next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Thursday, February 18 starting at 10 am

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley - Secretary