



Minutes

Michigan City Public Art Committee

Mayors Conference Room, City Hall, 100 E Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, IN 46360

February 20, 2020 10:00 am

Call to Order: Robin Kohn

Attendees: Robin Kohn, Dale Cooper, CarolAnn Brown, Jane Daley, Shannon Eason, Matt Kubik, Kathy Dennis, Janet Bloch, John Ryszka, Judy Jacobi, Guest Lilliana Rosado, Lora Fosberg

Minutes:

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed.

Motion

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

Financial Report:

Ms. Eason presented the financial report for the end of January as follows: The operating fund has a balance of \$15,130.00. The non-reverting donation fund has a balance of \$1,479.13.

Motion

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

Motion

It was moved (Daley) and seconded (Kubik) to Transfer: Fund 1001 500 Michigan City Public Art Fund, decrease account 02 429.001 Other Supplies \$4,500.00, Increase account 03 431.050 Professional Services \$4,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

There has been a lot of discussion concerning Knuhm (Ram on a Stick). A piece of sculpture that is in Washington Park. The lease is up on this piece in June, however there are many people on MAC and in the community that really like the piece and would like to purchase it. We feel that Michigan City needs to keep our ram, his lease is up this June! Ms. Eason offered this statement from the Association of Public Art which states in a diverse society, all art cannot appeal to all people, nor should it be expected to do so. Art attracts attention; that is what it is supposed to do. Is it any wonder, then, that public art causes controversy? Varied popular opinion is inevitable, and it is a healthy sign that the public environment is acknowledged rather than ignored." This sculpture has inspired ideas and conversations, exactly what it is supposed to do.

Old Business:

- **Kiosk in Westcott Park**

Ms. Cooper will be preparing new display boards for the kiosk featuring local black leaders. The Beacher recently printed some stories and photos that they are willing to share.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Bloch) to allow Ms. Cooper to spend up to \$500.00 to produce the new kiosk boards. The motion carried unanimously

Subcommittee: Dale Cooper, John Ryszka and Matt Kubik

- **Add Photos to City Council Chamber**

A new date will be set for the unveiling of the photos and may coincide with the 2020 Sculptfusion kick-off event sometime in July.

- **Native American Project**

Ms. Dennis reported that the artist Jason Quigno dropped the Native American sculpture maquette (scale model) and broke it, so he will need to begin again. Ms. Eason reported that the Native American Sculpture project was not awarded the IODT Grant. Ms. Eason has requested a discussion with the Indiana Office of Tourism Development to find out why our application was denied and to see what we can do different.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Daley) that MAC wishes to indicate that the preferred site for the Native American sculpture should be in front of city hall contingent upon a site survey. The motion carried unanimously

Grant Writing Subcommittee – CarolAnn Brown, Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley

New Business:

- **Festival of Lights sculpture –**

The committee was emailed a catalog of possible light sculptures, however this project will not be pursued at this time, so that we can concentrate on the Native American Sculpture and Sculptfusion 2020.

- **Master Plan & report concerning 2% for art from Redevelopment**

Mr. Kubik will email the master plan to the committee and asks that everyone read it and make recommendations before it is sent to the city council.

Subcommittee Matt Kubik, CarolAnn Brown, Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Judy Jacobi, Janet Bloch, Don Presbylinsky).

- **Uptown Plaza**

It was recently used as part of the Shelf Ice Brew Fest.

- **Sculptfusion**

The committee decided on the following locations for Sculptfusion 2020.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Daley) to place Ray Katz yellow base sculpture at 8th Street & Michigan Blvd. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Daley) to place Ray Katz blue base sculpture on the south west corner of 6th Street & Franklin Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Bloch) and seconded (Daley) to move Water Bird to the south east corner of Riley & Franklin Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Cooper) to move The Bear Family to the north east corner of 5th Streets & Franklin Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

It was moved (Eason) and seconded (Ryszka) to keep Faust on the north west corner of 6th Streets & Franklin Street. The motion carried unanimously

Ms. Fosberg will do the installations in June.

Motion

It was moved (Kubik) and seconded (Dennis) to pay Ms. Fosberg \$1,250.00 for the installation of Sculptfusion 2020. The motion carried unanimously

- **Farmers Market Sculpture**

Finding a new site is an on-going project

- **Create a Community Art Award**

The committee met and investigated, then decided that this project would be a time-consuming task and hard to manage. And there are other local organizations that are already giving art awards. We thank the subcommittee for their work and this item will be removed from the agenda.

Subcommittee: Judy Jacobi, Matt Kubik, John Ryszka

- **Keeping “Pinky”** as a public art piece –needs a sponsor

- **Murals for Westcott Park & Other areas**– on going

Subcommittee: Cooper, Ryszka, Kubik

- **Fund Raisers**

Ms. Cooper would like to plan a fashion show. She will choose a time and venue. The following people will contact restaurants about hosting a give-back event. Ms. Dennis will contact the Uptown Center; Ms. Kohn will contact Swingbelly’s and Ms. Daley will contact Patrick’s. The report and dates will be shared at the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Art Projects:**

No projects were submitted.

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

No requests were received

- **PR Committee:**

No report –

Subcommittee Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi

Reports from Other MC Commissions/Committees:

- **Michigan City Mainstreet Association**

No report

- **Michigan City Merchants Association**

No report

Comments –

No comments

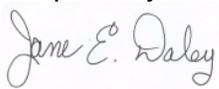
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

Next meeting:

The next Michigan City Public Art Committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 100 E Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, IN 46360 starting at starting at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Daley - Secretary