



**Minutes**  
**Michigan City Public Art Committee**  
**Mayor's Conference Room City Hall Michigan City**  
**June 15, 2023 10:00 am**

- **Call to Order:** Robin Kohn at 10:05 am

**Attendees:** Kathy Dennis, Jane Daley, Shannon Eason, CarolAnn Brown, Robin Kohn, Judy Jacobi, Don Przybylinski, Janet Bloch

- **Minutes:**

Minutes from the regular May meeting were reviewed

**Motion**

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

- **Financial Report:**

The financial report for May was reviewed: There was \$12,294.98 in the operating fund. The gifts & donations fund has a balance of \$16.63.

**Motion**

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

- **Public Comment:**

No Comment

- **Old Business:**

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

No new report

**2. Report concerning a percentage for art from Redevelopment –**

*Subcommittee-Judy Jacobi (chairperson) Matt Kubik, CarolAnn Brown, Robin Kohn, Shannon Eason, Janet Bloch, Don Przybylinski, Kathy Dennis*

Ms. Eason reported that we are waiting for consensus from the Mayor, then it will be presented to the City Council.

**3. Fund Raisers (including Beaux Ball) – Subcommittee: Entire Committee**

Members of the entire committee are still asked to approach the following businesses for give-backs. Kabelins, Swingbellys, Emita II, Leeds, Barker Pub.

**4. Adding a Public Art Element to Observation Deck - Subcommittee Eaton, Daley, Dennis**

On going

- **New Business:**

1. **Adding private art to Otocast – Subcommittee John Ryszka, Shannon Eason, Janet Bloch**

Ms. Eason suggested that this project be pushed off until September when Mr. Ryszka returns from his summer job. Ms. Jacobi will identify private sculpture.

## **2. Moving “You are Beautiful”**

On going

## **3. Moving other sculpture to allow space for installation of new pieces**

Dasein will be installed at the Fire Administration Offices Michigan Blvd., Clairvoyance installed at Horizon Bank, Peace Tree installed mid-block between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> on Franklin Street, Crystal Effect Ohio & Ann Streets, Bear Family will remain in Washington Park and Owl & Pussy Cat will be put on hold for the time being.

## **Motion**

It was moved (Brown) and seconded (Daley) to place the following sculptures in these locations.

Michael Magnotta “Eye of the Story - 9<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Street

Tess Little “Moon Spirit” – Route 12 & 35

Maureen Gray “Connected” - 4<sup>th</sup> Street near Leeds Public House

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brown will coordinate the installation.

Ms. Bloch will find a person to help with installation.

## **4. Ram sculpture**

The Ram sculpture will be installed in Washington Park across from the zoo

## **5. Ram naming Contest**

## **6. 6. Moving American Gothic – Mr. Kubik will research**

On going

## **7. Sculptfusion 2023**

## **8. Sculptfusion Kick off Event- Subcommittee: Dennis, Cooper, Daley, Brown**

The Artist Reception will be hosted by Leeds Public House on Wednesday, August 2 starting at 5:30 pm. Leeds will donate hors d'oeuvres with a cash bar. Artists will be encouraged to speak. Mr. Babcock and Mr. Kerr will talk about their adventures with the Ram Sculpture. The top 3 winners of the Name the Ram contest will be announced. The invitation is attached and can be sent to people the committee would like to invite. Artists will be encouraged

## **9. Neighborhood Art Committee/Murals for Canada Park–**

*Subcommittee: Dale Cooper, John Ryszka, Shannon Eason, Janet Bloch, Matt Kubik, Kathy Dennis, CarolAnn Brown*

Ms. Eason reported that painting of the mural in Canada Park will begin on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **• Committee Reports:**

No reports

## **1. Art Projects:**

No Report

**2. Children’s Art Scholarship Requests:** *subcommittee Janet Bloch, CarolAnn Brown, Jane Daley, Judy Jacobi*

**3. PR, Marketing, Press releases - Subcommittee: Bloch, Cooper, Jacobi, Daley**

A press release will be submitted as soon as the sculpture's are installed.  
Ms. Cooper invited MAC to send recordings for ALCO to her and she will forward them to Andrew White for inclusion in the weekly broadcasts.

**4. Other MC Commissions/Committee Reports Pertinent to MAC**

No report

**5. Announcements:**

The Lubeznik Center for the Arts will be hosting their Art Bash on June 24 and tickets are still available. [www.Lubeznikcenter.org](http://www.Lubeznikcenter.org)

Sinai Temple is offering a and event titled "Mimosas & Masterpieces". Create your own painting to take home. July 9<sup>th</sup> 11 am- 2 pm. All supplies and canvas are included. \$25. per person ( 21 +) RSVP Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin Street.

**6. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am

- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in the Mayors Conference Room at City Hall on July 20, 2023 starting at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

