

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
January 3, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Becky Hickman, Jay Hamlin, Selena Vonderheide, Beth Seidl, Kyle Rupert and Darla Blazey. **Commission Members Absent:** Linda Kahle: **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Leann Burke. Common Councilman Dave Hurst. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Jones asked the Nominating committee for recommendations for officers and opened the floor for nominations. Selena Vonderheide reported the slate of officers recommended by the committee: Mike Jones as President; Gary Moeller as Vice-President and Linda Kahle as Secretary. **Selena Vonderheide** moved to nominate the slate of officers as presented. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Mike Jones asked for additional nominations. No additional nominations were offered. **Beth Seidl** moved to close the nominations. **Darla Blazey** seconded. After no further discussion, both motions passed 9-0.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Thyen moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. **Jay Hamlin** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Financial Statement

Gary Moeller moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Public Business

None

Becky Hickman arrived at the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The JCAC ended the year in the black.
- The *Texas Tenors* performed in December; they were a sellout. It was very well received.
- Kit is leaving for APAP conference tomorrow. The Performing Arts Committee has been meeting and has about ¾ of the 2017/2018 season booked.
- VUJC is proceeding with the new sign on 3rd Avenue. VUJC is asking for a \$10,000 commitment from JCAC for the sign. We had \$10,000 earmarked for this in 2016 and sacrificed it for the budget cuts. A suggestion was made to use money from the building fund for this project. Renée Kabrick will check to see if the building fund money can be used for the sign. VUJC is putting \$70,000 toward the project and the Baseball Hall of Fame is contributing \$5000. After some discussion, **Gary Moeller** moved to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 for the refurbishment of the sign contingent upon our ability to access those funds from the building fund. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.
- Tickets for the Russian National Ballet are selling well.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Conducted an asset inventory for the beginning of the year and has 4 items to be declared obsolete. The items are: John Deere Lawn Tractor #0000101516, Media Cabinet #0000101075, Powerlife LCD Projector #0000101523 and Behringer Eurodisk Sound Board #0000101079. The projector & media

cabinet to be junked, the other 2 items to go to auction. A question was asked if the sound board could be used at the Astra. Soundboard information will be sent to Selena to see if it is something The Next Act can use at the Astra. Renée will check on the procedure to see who can be a recipient. **Darla Blazey** moved to declare 2 items junk, 1 item to auction and the soundboard possibly to Next Act. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

- Doreen mentioned that a former crew member of hers passed away. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Arts Center tomorrow.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- A workshop for high school students scheduled for January had to be cancelled.
- Indiana did not accept the new National Core Standards for schools. Donna has access to these if anyone is interested.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- The December exhibit has ended. One piece sold to a member of the *Texas Tenors*.
- The new gallery exhibit is by artist Carol Loeb from Canada. She will be at the First Thursday to give a gallery talk.
- Portfolio review for 2018 gallery exhibits is open. The deadline is March 13.
- The Winter Workshop schedule is out. Classes will start in February.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- The Special Events Committee continues to meet and plan for the upcoming year.
- Birthday parties are on the upswing. Several have been scheduled for January.

Old Business

- Selena Vonderheide reported December was a busy month for The Next Act with several events. They took a little time off over the Holidays.
- Renée Kabrick reported the Library has purchased the property that will become the new Cultural Center. She said a small committee has been formed to look at bonding issues and ownership issues. She reported the meeting has helped all the parties involved understand everyone's position in the project and how to make it work.
- Mike Jones reported the LEADS committee has raised \$4.51 million to date. The Arts is just \$3500 short of reaching the Thyen's match.

New Business

- Mike Jones distributed the Common Council's meeting dates for 2017 and asked board members to sign up to attend one meeting in the upcoming year.
- Mike Jones asked to publicly acknowledge and thank Nancy Habig for all the work and support she has given to the Arts as a Greater Jasper School Board member. **Mike Jones** moved to acknowledge Nancy Habig. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Mike Jones

Attested