

Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
February 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Sherry Monesmith, Selena Vonderheide, Beth Seidl and Kyle Rupert. **Commission Members Absent:** Becky Hickman, Jay Hamlin, and Darla Blazey: **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, DC Free Press Editor Matt Crane, Mayor Terry Seitz, Josh Dodd, Andrea Fleck, Bre-Anna Mullen, Amanda Ackerman, Hannah Rydberg, Christine Golden, Peter Marshall, and City Councilman Dave Hurst. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Renée Kabrick had a suggestion on page 2 under Old Business, the second bullet point, the statement, '...a small committee has been formed...' is not accurate. The meeting consisted of all attorneys and one other person. The minutes should reflect that the parties by their respective legal counsel met to address bonding issues and ownership issues. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting with the correction as presented by Renée Kabrick. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Gary Moeller moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Public Business

- Christine Golden gave an update on the Cultural Center project. She is hoping for demolition to begin mid to late spring. Salvaging materials from the demolition could provide some savings by not having to pay to haul materials off-site. Reclamation of materials is being explored. Library Board continues to move forward. They are exploring ideas of what to do with the Library Annex Building as there has been some interest in it.
- Matt Crane with the Dubois County Film Commission asked about the possibility of some space being set aside in the Cultural Center to use for video production, green screen, etc. He stated this is a need in the community. He was accompanied by 3 JHS students and Peter Marshall also with the Dubois County Film Commission. This could be a great marketing tool to bring film makers in and for current film makers such as the JHS students to utilize as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The *Russian National Ballet* was well received.
- *Black Violin* and *Women of the World* performances are coming up this month. Tickets are still available for *Black Violin*. The *Women of the World* backstage performance is sold out.
- Citizens Academy will be February 21st at the Arts Center. It is being held across City Departments on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from February through May.
- The Performing Arts Committee will be meeting next week to finalize the 2017/2018 schedule.
- Kit requested permission to seek quotes for the 2017/2018 season guide. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Kit to seek quotes. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- All six performances remaining this season come in rapid succession.
- Hot water circulating pump went out over the weekend. It is currently being worked on.

- A section of the stage floor toward the back is warping possibly due to a water leak. Some earth work may need to be done. Doreen is investigating the cause and will try to vent the floor and go from there. No cost estimate on possible repairs at this time.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Deborah Sunya Moore, Kennedy Center Artist, will be here working with teachers for grades K – 5th.
- *Women of the World* will perform at the JMS and a public performance at the Arts Center.
- Donna attended the Kennedy Center Partners in Education annual meeting. She met with Representative Larry Buschon while in DC to encourage support of the National Endowment for the Arts. She played a video for him produced by JHS students on the importance of Arts in Education.
- The JHS students and teachers who produced the video were reintroduced, and their video was played for the Board.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- Last month the gallery artist was Carol Loeb.
- The new artist in the Krempp Gallery this month is Kayla Bischoff. She is from Louisville and will be here to give a gallery talk at the First Thursday reception.
- The *Russian National Ballet* was a busy show for hospitality.
- Masterbrand will be at the Arts Center for a team building Canvas & Cabernet class.
- A call for artists for 2018 is currently being advertised. Deadline is March 13th.
- Plein Air/Quick Draw event is currently accepting entries as well.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- Chalk Walk planning is in full swing. The Chalk Walk date is June 3rd with a rain date of June 10th.
- Corina requested permission to seek quotes for Chalk Walk T-shirts up to \$2000. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to allow Corina to seek quotes. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- The Downtown Merchants annual youth art contest is April 21st-23rd.
- Birthday parties are still going strong.

Old Business

- Mike Jones reported \$10,000 of Building Funds cannot be used for the new sign on 2nd Street. Kit Miracle recommended we make a commitment to find the funds by moving the money needed between budget line items. **Mike Jones** moved that if funds are available, when feasible, \$10,000 be transferred so that it can go toward the sign. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Doreen stated it is possible to donate the old sound board to a not-for-profit group. **Beth Seidl** moved to donate the sound board to Next Act. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Selena Vonderheide reported for Next Act. She stated they received bid packages and they are reviewing them to see who will be awarded the contract.
- Mike Jones stated not much new to report on the Cultural Center other than the attorneys continue to meet and things continue to move forward.
- Linda Kahle reported for LEADS that the Pat & Jim Thyen match has officially been met. \$4.5 million has been pledged so far. Leg work is being done for more of a general public fund raising campaign. More information will be presented on that at the next board meeting.

New Business

- Kit announced she is retiring effective May 1st. She stated this was a difficult decision to make. She thanked Darla for originally hiring her as the Visual Arts Coordinator and Mayor Seitz for reappointing her as Director. She also thanked the JCAC for their support and advice. She thanked the staff for all their hard work. She thanked the community at large for backing us monetarily and participating in our programs. Mayor Seitz formally accepted Kit's resignation. He thanked her for her work and helping to set the stage for a grand future. Mike Jones stated there will be an advisory team of JCAC members to

help find a new director. The Mayor explained this is a Mayor appointee and he will take the advice of the team seriously in filling this position.

- *Beth Seidl left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.*
- Mike Jones again thanked the JHS students and commended them on the quality of the video.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mike Jones

Attested