

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
April 2, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Kara Bodle, Linda Kahle, and Becky Hickman, Becky Beckman and Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent:** Sherry Monesmith and Mickey Seger. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Candy Neal and WITZ News Director Jim O'Neil. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selena Vonderheide moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Financial Statement

Pat Thyen moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- We had a couple of great performances this month. *ScrapArtsMusic* was very good. Unfortunately we had poor attendance. *Russian National Ballet* was excellent and very well received.
- This Friday we have *Kyle Eastwood*, the last of our Backstage Series. He will also do some school programs. On the 14th we have *Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre*. Ticket sales are going well for Popovich.
- Kit reported Emily is leaving for a full time job with benefits. Kit requested permission to fill her vacated position. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Kit to fill the Visual Arts Coordinator position. **Mike Jones** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Chalk Walk is the Saturday before property taxes are due. Mike Jones asked if we have arrangements for people to get to the courthouse to pay their taxes. People will be directed to the south entrance on Main Street and will be escorted in a golf cart to the courthouse if needed.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Ballet went well. Doreen had 15 volunteers, which she said was plenty. It worked out well.
- The speakers were hung for *ScrapArtsMusic* and that worked well.
- We have 4 community rentals in April in addition to our 2 performances.
- Doreen asked permission to seek quotes to fix the drainage behind the building. We have roots growing into the drainage tiles which caused water to flood into the orchestra pit summer before last. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Doreen to seek quotes to fix the drainage behind the building. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Mike Jones and Kit commended Doreen and her crew for work on *ScrapArtsMusic* and the Ballet.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- We had the largest student audience in attendance for *ScrapArtsMusic* at the Arts Center. They received good evaluations from the teachers.

- Kyle Eastwood will be at JHS in the Art Room on Thursday at 8:55 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. Art students will be drawing and the Jazz Band has been invited to bring their instruments.
- Sean Layne will be here next week. Workshop with teachers at the Arts Center on Thursday and at 5th Street and 10th Street schools on Friday.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- Emily thanked the board for their support while she's been here.
- Emily distributed the proposed Visual Arts gallery exhibits line-up for 2014. The glass artist chosen won't work in our gallery. Another artist will be asked to exhibit in that spot. The new artist makes dresses out of romance novels. There is a variety of mediums being used by the artists. **Selena Vonderheide** moved to accept the line-up of artists. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit added that Emily had 2 receptions in March, High Schools and Elementary Schools which were extremely well attended.
- Emily encouraged the board to check out the current exhibit. It was hung on Good Friday. It took all day. She invited the board to the FiRST THURSDAY reception on April 4th from 5 to 8 p.m.

Project Coordinator Report

Kit reported for Corina, who was out sick.

- Work continues on Chalk Walk and birthday parties.
- Mike said 6 food vendors have committed to the Chalk Walk, but if anyone knows of a nonprofit who might be interested in participating to have them contact him.
- Laura Pommier is doing another 3D community art project for the Chalk Walk. It will be Monet's *Lily Pond*. It will be a good photo opportunity.

Old Business

- Mike wanted the board to be aware of three options that he has heard regarding the Arts Center. They are: remodeling the current building, building a new building on the Country Club Property and possibly putting the Arts Center downtown in the old Jasper Cabinet Company building. Mike is not in favor of the Jasper Cabinet Company due to the possibility of flooding. Kit added that a musical performance space is a very specifically designed space and not just any space will do. The City owns the current Arts Center free and clear. If the building is sold, money could be used as down payment for a new building. The possibility of a shared space with the Library was mentioned as a way to be economical. Discussion followed. Renee stated Kit will have the opportunity to bring the Board's recommendations to the advisory group on which Kit is a member.
- Mike sent Juanita an email regarding the credit card and hasn't heard back from her yet.

New Business

- A meeting tonight will be held at the Sternberg building downtown regarding the downtown plan. A meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon regarding the Country Club Property. All meetings are open to the public. Renee added that more meetings will be held regarding the Country Club Property. CityVisions will do plans for the downtown and the Country Club Property.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Mike Jones

Attested

