

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
November 6, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at the Jasper Arts Center. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Kara Bodle, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Sherry Monesmith and Mickey Seger. **Commission Members Absent:** Kendall Martin, Robin Norris and Nanette Parsons. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Mayor Terry Seitz, Brad Ward, Randy Buchta, Herald Reporter Candy Neal. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Terry Seitz gave an update on the Country Club property. The City Council has given approval to the Redevelopment Commission to explore the City's interest in the property. The Mayor reported the Arts and Park departments have expressed interest in the property as well as the Greater Jasper School Corporation and the Jasper Library. The property could be developed as a collaborative Cultural Campus. The Park department has some properties that could be sold and be put back into the tax base. Discussion followed. Mayor Seitz left for another appointment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Moeller moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Linda Kahle moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Kara Bodle** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Kit added we are in really good fiscal shape. She has requested to move \$8000 from the equipment line to the general supply line at the recommendation of Juanita Boehm for the gallery pedestal building project. We will also move \$3000 from the contractual services line to the printing and advertising line. This will be reflected on the financial statement by the end of the year after City Council approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- Senior Series outreach began this month. Jeff Rehmet performed at the Jasper residence homes and got a great reception at each facility. Thanks to Candy Neal for a great article on the performances. Kit will be looking for an artist for the spring for the Senior Series.
- Katie Armiger opened the Backstage Series and was a sellout. The other two performances on the Backstage Series are sold out as well.
- Jake Shimabukuro tickets are selling well. WNIN will air an interview with Jake on Friday, at noon Central time. Advertising has been done in some nontraditional media sources as well as the local media.
- Kit commended the staff on the FiRST THURSDAY events. The turnout for the reception this month in the Krempp Gallery was phenomenal.
- Kit introduced Brad Ward and a new proposal with the Dubois County Community Foundation. DCCF has \$10,000 which they have elected to spend on youth arts programming for Dubois County. The grant is sponsored by Dubois County businesses. Kit has put together a proposal to administer the programming for the 4 school districts in Dubois County. A basic budget was included. The programming is designed to be free to the school districts. Due to the late time of the season, this will not begin until the fall of 2013. Brad Ward distributed information regarding the project to the board. Discussion followed. **Mike Jones** moved to accept this grant and to execute it the best we can next year. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Doreen reported the LDI conference she attended was very good. There were a lot of vendors and it took quite awhile to get through. The sessions she attended were very good. The lighting, safety and planning session was very informative. She received a document that is the basis on new regulations for staging in Indiana.
- Work on the gallery panels is keeping the staff very busy. She invited the board to come back stage to see the panels that are complete.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- October was a busy month. We had a couple of Brown Bag events and workshops. There was a public forum at the Jasper High School last night focused on academic testing and substance abuse. There were several people in attendance supporting the arts. The next forum is scheduled for February 11. Donna invited board members to attend the next one with her.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- The FiRST THURSDAY reception featuring the exhibit of Romy and Clare Designs was just held. This event had a bigger turnout than last month's reception. The downtown merchants will participate in December, but then may take a break until warmer weather is more conducive to downtown shopping.
- The Artist Studio Sale is December 1st and 2nd at the train depot as part of O'Tannenbaum Days.
- December 6th is the FiRST THURSDAY for the Visual Arts Committee exhibit. This will be a Christmas edition, family oriented, hot cocoa bar, cookies, etc.
- December 7th is the Volunteer Thank You reception in the Krempp Gallery.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- Birthday parties are booked solid through the end of the year. None are booked in January yet. It seems nobody is looking past Christmas.
- Permission has been received by Darla Blazey, City Building & Zoning Commissioner, to put the event signs out the Wednesday before a JCAC event and take them down the day after.

Old Business

- Mike revisited the Country Club property idea. He reported that it was suggested to him that down the road we sell this building to VU and rebuild a new facility on the Country Club property if purchased by the City. Mike stated we are currently limited by the types of shows we can put on due to the size of the theatre. Discussion followed regarding the vision of a collaboration of partners coming together to create a true blueprint for the development of the property.

New Business

- An online magazine, *Jasper Today*, has an article featuring Mike's son and his work in movies. The magazine features an arts article every month.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Mike Jones

Attested