

Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
September 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Jasper City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present in Person:** Darla Blazey, Jasmine Bosler, Julie Burns, Emi Donato, Corie Eckerle, Bibianna Green, Beth Seidl, Pat Thyen, and Selena Vonderheide. **Non-Voting Student Representative:** Vacant. **Observed Remotely via Zoom:** Linda Kahle. **Commission Members Absent:** Heath Kluemper. **Staff Members Present:** Emily Peak, Danny Kopp, Casey Uebelhor, and Liz Book. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Mayor Dean Vonderheide. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Jasper Arts Director, Kit Miracle.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Thyen moved to approve the minutes of August's meeting. **Emi Donato** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Corie Eckerle moved to approve the claims as presented. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Bibianna Green arrived at 5:35 pm.

Donation Report

Jasmine Bosler moved to accept the restricted-use donation of \$400 for programming. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Old Business

- Danny presented quotes to replace and install a new fire panel at the Jasper Arts Center. The current panel is no longer serviceable. Danny shared the quote from Tri-State Fire Protection, includes installing an entirely new system and does not utilize any part of the existing system. Danny recommended accepting the low quote from Astro Security. **Darla Blazey** made a motion to accept the quote from Astro Security for the installation of a new fire panel at the Jasper Arts Center. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Business	Location	Price
Astro Security	Jasper, IN	\$5,125.00
Tri-State Fire Protection Inc.	Newburgh, IN	\$29,923.90
Koorsen Fire & Security	Evansville, IN	\$9,731.05

- Danny presented quotes to replace the exterior lobby doors of the Jasper Arts Center. Funds for this project were in a restricted-use fund left over from previous work completed at the Jasper Arts Center. He shared the quote request, which included the requirement that the doors should be easily locked and unlocked, and should address exterior light pollution in the space. The project included the installation and demolition of old doors. He recommended accepting the low quote from Keusch Glass, pending that it meets the design specifications. **Selena Vonderheide** made a motion to accept the quote from Keusch Glass, pending that it meets Jasper Arts specifications. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Business	Location	Price
Keusch Glass	Jasper, IN	\$10,100.00
Glass, Architectural Metal Installers	Evansville, IN	\$16,190.00
Siemers Glass Company	Princeton, IN	\$11,726.94
K and K Automatic Doors	Ireland, IN	\$20,126.00

- Danny presented quotes for the installation of video surveillance at the Jasper Arts Center. Currently, there are no video cameras on site. The proposed system would include 8-9 cameras and would have remote access. Danny shared the quote from Astro was higher than Jarrett Security Solutions from Newburgh, but the system Astro suggested could be scaled up to 16 cameras. Astro's system would also be able to integrate with the remote access system that is in use at the Cultural Center. Renee shared that Astro is used city-wide for security and suggested

staying with a single company. **Jasmine Bosler** made a motion to accept the quote from Astro Security for the installation of video surveillance at the Jasper Arts Center. **Julie Burns** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Business	Location	Price
Astro Security	Jasper, IN	\$9,865.00
Jarrett Security Solutions	Newburgh, IN	\$6,328.00
Koorsen Fire & Security	Evansville, IN	\$17,042.06

- Danny presented quotes to remove and replace the landscaping at the Jasper Arts Center. Funds for this project were in a restricted-use fund left over from previous work completed at the Jasper Arts Center. Brescher Landscaping's plan included landscaping around a majority of the building, while Green Thumb had a phased approach. Danny recommended accepting the low quote from Brescher Landscaping, and it could be installed this fall. **Beth Seidl** made a motion to accept the low quote from Brescher Landscaping to remove and install new landscaping at the Jasper Arts Center. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Business	Base Quote	East Side	West Side	Total
Brescher Landscaping	\$15,853.00	Included	Included	Included
Green Thumb	\$17,560.47	\$1,074.00	\$3,553.60	\$22,188.07
Outdoor Solutions Landscapers	Did Not Submit	Did Not Submit	Did Not Submit	Did Not Submit

- Emily presented quotes to print and design exhibit guides for 2026. Starting in 2025, the exhibits were moved to their own guide to allow more room to adequately share information about each artist and their work. The guide will be mailed to those who are on the Visual Arts card mailing list. The guides will also be available at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center. The cost to mail the guides to the mailing list is not included. 1,750 will be printed in English and 250 in Spanish. Emily recommended accepting the low quote from Ewing Printing. **Pat Thyen** made a motion to accept the low quote from Ewing Printing to design and print the 2026 exhibit guide. **Corie Eckerle** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Business	Printing	Design	Shipping to Jasper Arts	Total
Ewing Printing	\$3,997.00	Included	Included	\$3,997.00
Branded by Woods	\$4,590.14	\$3,000.00	Included	\$7,590.14
Matly Digital Solutions	\$5,782.90	Included	\$450.00	\$6,232.90

New Business

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kyle reported:

- Kyle was unable to attend the meeting, so no report was given.

Building and Structure Report

Danny reported:

- Dance by Mallory has expanded its dance class offerings and has added a day to its dance studio rental. Jasper High School Band and Choir and Holy Trinity Catholic School are hosting their Christmas concerts at the Jasper Arts Center this December.
- New wireless access points have been installed throughout the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center. The Jasper Public Library took on the cost and managed the project.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported:

- Steve Gerberich's* exhibit closed at the end of August and has been packed. Turnout for his exhibit was great, and there were many return visitors. The *Dubois County Art Guild's* exhibit has closed, and several pieces were sold.
- Two new exhibits will open on Thursday: *Jonpaul Smith* and the *32nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition*. Jonpaul's work features large interwoven paper. The Juror will be in on Wednesday to judge in person, and the winners will be announced at the First Thursday Opening Reception. Jonpaul and *Kevin Titzer* will also be in attendance to give gallery talks. will close at the end of the month, and she is looking for assistance in packing the exhibit.

- Jasper High School students attended a field trip to view the artwork on display and hear gallery talks from *Kevin Titzer* and *Steve Gerberich*. The students also viewed a documentary by *Jordan Barley* about Kevin Titzer's art. A similar field trip will take place in September for Southridge High School students.
- Emily is working with Kevin Titzer to determine what will become of the large found object installation on display when the exhibit closes.
- Jasper Arts will host an intern from Perry Central as part of the State's Work and Learn program. Jade will join the staff one day a week and will learn about different facets of what Jasper Arts does.
- The new kiln has been delivered and installed. The new kiln has more features that should streamline and make it easier to manage.
- Holiday clay classes will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Event Report

Casey for Eric reported:

- She shared the rental updates for the month.
- Beehive will be held on October 24-25. Ten artists have been accepted into the Beehive Arts Market. The market is open to the public on October 25th from 9 AM to 3 PM. There will also be two food trucks on site for the event, Bursting with Love beverage trailer and La Tricolor fruit.
- A fundraiser will take place on Friday evening from 6 to 9 PM. The ticketed fundraiser will be \$50 per person and will include entertainment, food, a silent auction, and a cash bar. Proceeds will benefit Jasper Arts' programming. The board asked how sales were going for the fundraiser, and Liz shared that ticket sales were low. The board offered several suggestions as to how to increase sales. The feedback received will be shared with Kyle.

Education Report

Casey reported:

- The first Education Committee meeting of the school year has been held. The committee hopes to add two student representatives to the committee to get their feedback.
- Several workshops will be offered this fall, and she is working on finalizing workshops for the Holidays.
- Kim Aull with St. Charles Health Campus contacted Casey about opportunities for its residents to experience the arts. A field trip for the more mobile residents has been scheduled for them to visit the galleries, and she will also host an in-person watercolor workshop at St. Charles for those who have more difficulty getting around.
- Casey will host a Homeschool Connection session this month that will feature an art lesson and a craft.
- Work on the Hispanic Heritage exhibit and activities completed in partnership ALASI, the Jasper Public Library, and students from Jasper and Huntingburg is underway.

Public Business

Adjournment

Selena Vonderheide moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.



