

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
January 7, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 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, Selena Vonderheide, Kara Bodle, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Becky Beckman, Sherry Monesmith and Beth Seidl. **Commission Members Absent:** **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack, Erin Stenftenagel and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Herald Reporter Candy Neal, WITZ News Director Jim O'Neal and Christine Prior. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike welcomed new board member Beth Seidl.

Mike asked the Nominating committee for recommendations for officers and opened the floor for nominations. Robin Norris reported the slate of officers recommended by the committee: Mike Jones as President; Gary Moeller as Vice-President and Linda Kahle as Secretary. Mike Jones asked for additional nominations. No additional nominations. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to close the nominations. **Becky Hickman** seconded. Motion passed 11-0. **Robin Norris** moved the slate of officers as presented be accepted. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. After no further discussion, motion passed 11-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Gary Moeller** moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.

#### **City Financial Statement**

**Selena Vonderheide** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.

#### **Public Business**

- Christine Prior, resident of Huntingburg, invited the Jasper Community Arts Commission to become a partner for the *Huntingburg Jazz, Wine and Art Festival*. Last year, the Festival added art by having an Art Garden and invited artisans to show and sell their art. Sponsors of the Festival will be given the opportunity to create some art and show it at the Festival. The Festival date is April 12, 2014. Question was asked if the Festival had any ideas as to what the JCAC participation would be. Christine responded they are asking for our partnership role to share our connection with local artists. She said they are already working with Indiana Artisans. Some discussion followed. It was noted that the JCAC cannot provide any financial support outside the City of Jasper.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- Once again we came in under budget. Kit requested the funds for *The Texas Tenors* and the back line fee be encumbered for 2014 since the concert was cancelled in December 2013. It has been rescheduled for April 13, 2014. **Gary Moeller** moved to encumber the funds from 2013 to 2014 to cover the expenses for *The Texas Tenors* and the backline cost. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.
- Kit also pointed out that some local organizations don't understand that coming in under budget is what the City does. The money saved from one year is the seed money for the second following year, i.e., the 2013 budget year is used to calculate the 2015 budget year. This has had a somewhat negative effect as some local organizations have cut back their funding to the JAC.

Some of these organizations feel we don't need the money since we come in under budget. Renée Kabrick added that the City Arts Department was set up with the intent that it would be supported by the community with the City filling in the deficit. The Arts Department, as a City department, is expected to have a budget as other departments do. All City departments are expected to only spend approximately 80% of their budget in any given year.

- Erin Stenftenagel will not be staying on as the full time Visual Arts Coordinator. Kit is requesting permission to hire a full time Visual Arts Coordinator. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Kit to pursue hiring a full time Visual Arts Coordinator. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.
- Four events were cancelled in December due to the snow storm; *The Texas Tenors*, *Sean Layne*, the VAC reception and the *Artists Studio Sale*. All tickets will be honored for *The Texas Tenors* performance on Sunday, April 13, 2014. Some tickets have been returned due to the cancellation. These are available for sale.
- Kit is leaving for APAP this week. The Performing Arts Committee has met and is coming close to finalizing show suggestions for the 2014/2015 season.
- The City Ordinance for Beer and Wine sales at the JAC was approved. Renée reported the application was submitted with payment to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, and we are waiting to hear back from them.

### **Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- *Jasper Dance Theatre* and *ACT* are starting classes and rehearsals tonight.
- Doreen requested to replace 8 lighting fixtures. This was discussed last month. There was not money in this line item at the end of 2013. The money is in the budget this year. Doreen distributed quotes she has received. After some discussion, **Mike Jones** moved to accept the PNTA quote. **Becky Hickman** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported.

- *Sean Layne* hopefully will be rescheduled for this spring. Otherwise we will look at next fall.
- *Grace Kelly* will be in the schools for a master class and a public performance on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- *AudioBody* will be performing at the Jasper Middle School on January 24<sup>th</sup> and a public performance on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Donna offered her thanks and respect to former board member Doug Abbett. Mike Jones stated he would like to compose a resolution of respect for Doug. **Gary Moeller** moved for Mike to write a resolution of respect and submit to the paper. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 11-0. This will be paid by individual Board members and NOT out of city funds.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Erin reported.

- VAC reception had a good turnout despite being cancelled & rescheduled due to the snowstorm.
- The gallery exhibitor this month is *Elzbieta Bittner*. The reception will be Thursday evening.
- Winter art classes schedule is complete and being advertised.
- Erin is working on a Brown Bag Lunch with Donna. Scheduled presenter is *Judi Krew*, the exhibitor for February. She will provide a presentation at lunch for the Brown Bag and different presentation in the evening at the First Thursday reception.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Chalk Walk planning has begun for this year. Corina is requesting permission to obtain quotes for the T-shirts. The budget for T-shirts is \$2000. The Chalk Walk date is May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of May 10<sup>th</sup>. **Linda Kahle** moved to allow Corina to obtain quotes for T-shirts. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.
- The Mural Committee received a couple of drawings from JHS students. The Committee will meet tomorrow to review those drawings.

### **Old Business**

- Kit stated the *President's Marine Band* will be coming to Jasper to perform. The date is September 6, 2014 at 7:30. It will take place at the JHS gym and German American will be the sponsor. Tickets will be free. JAC will handle the ticket distribution. The Marine Band requested only one distribution site for the tickets.
- Mike Jones opened discussion regarding the City Visions master plan for downtown Jasper and how the Arts Commission and possibly a new building fit into that plan. Discussion followed. Renée stated that the master plan is a proposal or a guide and open to discussion with the City. She suggested the JCAC study the City's master plan and decide what the JCAC's role will be within that plan and take it to the Common Council. It was suggested by some board members that a strategic planning session be held to see how we can incorporate what the JCAC has done and still wants to do and how that fits in with the City's master plan. Mike agreed and stated the JCAC is due for a strategic planning session. Mike will also speak with Mayor Seitz about the plan.

### **New Business**

### **Adjournment**

**Gary Moeller** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.

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**Mike Jones**

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**Attested**