

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
January 2, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Jay Hamlin, Mike Jones, Linda Kahle, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Kent Reyling, Beth Seidl, Pat Thyen, & Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent:** Becky Hickman. **Staff Members Present:** Kyle Rupert, Doreen Lechner, Emily Peak, Liz Book, & Donna Schepers. **Guests in attendance:** Ashlyn Ackerman, Todd Fromme, Christine Golden, Jason McKay, Kit Miracle, Joe & Judy Rohleder, Leslie Tegmeyer, and Jim Thyen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee recommended the officers for 2018 stay the same with Mike Jones serving as President; Gary Moeller serving as Vice-President; Linda Kahle serving as Secretary. **Pat Thyen** made a motion to nominate the officers as presented. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Mike Jones asked for any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. **Darla Blazey** moved to close the nominations. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Both motions passed 10-0.

City Financial Statement

Beth Seidl moved to approve the claims as presented. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Public Business

- Ashlyn Ackerman of Weyland Ventures presented a preliminary design of the Arts portion of the Cultural Center. Her presentation covered the exterior and interior design finishes.
- Joe Rohleder of ROJAC expressed his concern with the exterior design of the Cultural Center plans.
- Jason McKay expressed his concern with the color of brick shown in the renderings. Arts Director, Kyle Rupert, assured him the brick color will be much darker than shown.
- Todd Fromme of ROJAC expressed his belief that the windows of the Cultural Center should keep a similar look and feel of older factory buildings, like the present Hoosier Desk building.

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kyle reported:

- Total attendance for all activities at the Arts Center is slightly down, but on track with attendance from two years ago. However, show attendance and exhibit attendance is up from 2016.
- The Performing Arts Committee is working on the upcoming season of shows and will complete their selections following APAP.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported:

- Nothing to report.

Visual Art Report

Emily reported:

- The *Holiday Happenings* events were very successful and a lot of positive feedback was received. She plans to host a "Canvas and Cabernet" event around Valentine's Day.
- Winter Workshop registrations are still open. She encouraged those to take advantage of the waitlist feature of registration if the class is full. A couple of people who were on the waiting list for the *Holiday Happenings* were able to attend.
- Emily will be hosting a painting event for VUJC students at the end of January.

- The *Landscape Invitational* exhibit is open and First Thursday Reception will be held on January 4th. The exhibit features pieces from 14 artists and many different types of media, including an installation piece.

Education Report

Donna reported:

- On January 25th Julian Gargiulo will be performing for music and science students at Jasper Middle School. Additional students from Holy Trinity and select students from Jasper High School will also be invited. She thanked Mr. David Hubster, principal of Jasper Middle School, for allowing his students the opportunity to experience a wonderful performer outside of the usual education series.
- Beginning in March she will continue the Brown Bag Lunch education series. The series of three consecutive events will cover the theme of *“Mystery, Murder, and Mayhem in the Art World.”* The events will be in March, April, and May.

Project Coordinator Report

Emily reported:

- The Next Act and the Arts Center will be jointly hosting the film *“E.T.”* during Strassenfest on Saturday, August 4th. The film was originally shown at the Astra in 1982.
- *Chalk Walk* planning has begun. The event will be held on June 2nd and the rain-out date is scheduled for June 9th.
- *“What’s Happening in the Arts?”* has received great feedback and continues to grow each week.

Old Business

- The Next Act has announced the official opening date of the Astra as April 14th. Selena thanked the community for the continued support as they work through construction.
- LEADs will present another *Give Where You Live* event on April 20th.

New Business

- Mike asked board members to sign-up to attend a Common Council meeting during the 2018 calendar year.
- On January 11th there will be a joint board meeting with the library. This meeting will be held at 6:00 PM in the Pfaffenweiler Room.
- The JCAC will have a Strategic Planning session on February 18th. The location and time has yet to be determined.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38. **Jay Hamlin** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Michael Jones

Attested