

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
June 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Jasper City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Linda Kahle, Jay Hamlin, Mike Jones, Kent Reyling, Beth Seidl, Pat Thyen, & Selena Vonderheide. **Commission Members Absent:** Becky Hickman, Gary Moeller & Sherry Monesmith. **Staff Members Present:** Kyle Rupert, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Corina Mack, Emily Peak & Liz Book. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Christine Golden & Logan Bromm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Selena Vonderheide** moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Pat Thyen** moved to approve the claims as presented. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kyle reported:

- APAP January 2020 conference registration will open June 12. APAP is one of two booking conferences that are attended each year. Registration for the conference will be \$799 plus hotel, airfare, and meals. A rough estimate of the total cost would be \$2100 plus taxes and fees and is within what is budgeted. **Kent Reyling** made a motion to approve Kyle's registration and expenses for APAP. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Kyle informed the board that Jasper Community Arts has been recommended to receive a grant from the *National Endowment for the Arts* (NEA). The grant application was submitted in July 2018 to cover the cost of design fees to address accessibility at the Arts Center. The grant award is \$10,000 and is a matching grant. The department's portion of the design fees would come from the building fund. The next step would be to reach out to design firms for proposals and estimated design fee cost. He is waiting on the final grant paperwork to come through. Per the grant, all design work would need to be completed by May 31, 2021.
- Season ticket renewals have begun. Season ticket holders were sent their guides in late May. All other guides will go out later in June. This was done to help manage the amount of mail and phone calls. Mike asked if there would be a free family fun ticket included in the grand package this year. Kyle informed Mike that there would not be a free ticket this year; however the restructuring of the season to include an additional show at the Astra increased the value of the package. Several people have already called to inquire about *Lorrie Morgan* tickets.
- There are several rentals during the month. *Dance Central* will hold their showcase, *WBDC's Show Down* will be this week, and *Whispering Bill Anderson* will perform on Father's Day. Those that are interested in purchasing tickets for Bill Anderson can go to itickets.com. *ACT* and *Dance by Mallory* are also in the space during the month.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported:

- Last month the board accepted the quote from Universal Design to complete the spec work for the chiller replacement. She would like to be able to send out the request for bids/quotes as soon as the spec work is completed instead of waiting for the next meeting to ask for permission. Renee will look into if the request will be for bids or quotes. **Kent Reyling** made a motion for Doreen to go forward in the quotes/bidding process of the chiller replacement. **Darla Blazey** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Doreen gave the board a progress report on drainage issues and the plan to address it. She met with the city engineering tech and the head of the street department and went over the issues and developed a plan. There is a big ditch that has developed in the rear of the building. A grate will be installed to take

care of any surface water and tie west side downspouts into the drainage pipe. The pipe would be large enough to be able to accommodate any future expansion. The second part of the project would be to reestablish the swale to help channel the water away from the building. Ideally the work would be completed in either September or October and is estimated to cost roughly \$14,000. The cost would come from the repair line. She requested permission to seek quotes to complete the first phase of the drainage issue plan as outlined. **Mike Jones** made a motion to allow Doreen to seek quotes to complete the drainage work. **Kent Reyling** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Emily reported:

- June's exhibit features two local artists, *Brian Bruner – photography*, and *Kerri Mehringer – sculpture*. She reminded the board that the opening reception will be on Friday, due to the *Show Down*. Both artists will be present and will be available to answer questions from those in attendance.
- *Perry Central* summer school classes will again have a field trip to the Arts Center. Doreen and Emily will give a tour of the facility. Doreen will give them a backstage tour and show them how the lights and sound work. Emily will do a scavenger hunt with the students in the gallery.
- Emily updated the board on *ARTventures*. Almost all of the classes went as scheduled. There was one adult class that didn't go.
- *Juried Art Show* submissions are still being accepted until the end of June.
- *Plein Air* registration is open. People can register online. The event is scheduled for the Saturday of Strassenfest. Registration and judging will be held on the square.
- Emily presented the board the Visual Arts Committee's 2020 exhibit recommendations.
  - January: *8x8 – Community Exhibit*
  - February: *Esther Randall – prisma-color / copic marker*
  - March: *Youth Art Month – High School and Middle School*
  - April: *Amy DeLap – mixed Media* and *William Kolok – mixed wood/metal/stone*
  - May: *Michael McAuley – graphite* and *David Stratton – ink*
  - June: *Brett Anderson – printmaking*
  - July & August : *52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dubois County Art Guild Exhibit*
  - September : *27<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibit*
  - October: *Art Cloth Network – fiber art*, group exhibit "The Space Between"
  - November: *Betty Beshoar – oil* and *Monte Young – ceramics*
  - December: *Visual Arts Committee*

**Linda Kahle** made a motion to accept the Visual Arts Committee's recommendation for the 2020 exhibits as presented. **Jay Hamlin** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported:

- She is working on setting up times to meet with all of the area principals to discuss the scheduled programming for the 2019-2020 season.
- She is continuing to work with the Library and the Museum to plan programs for Crossroads. By next month she will have a finalized list of programs with tentative dates.

### **Events Report**

Corina reported:

- *Chalk Walk* went very well and was a great day. So far all feedback received from Corsizio has been positive. Emily attended the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association meeting earlier in the day, and they were all very complementary of Chalk Walk. There were more vendors in all areas over last year. The number of registered participants was almost exactly the same. Downtown was packed over the weekend with those coming to see the artwork on the square.
- Corina came down with bronchitis before the scheduled painting event at Northwood. She had originally planned to run the event since Emily was out of the country. She contacted Northwood and they determined that she could not visit while having bronchitis. Maggie Getzin, the summer intern had

just started the week before, and she jumped right in and ran the painting event without issue. Another painting event has been scheduled for later in the month.

**Old Business**

- The Next Act – Jay congratulated JCA on another successful Chalk Walk and thanked JCA for partnering with the Next Act in the theme of *Mary Poppins*. 129 people came to see *Mary Poppins* on Saturday night. The *Chris Jacobs* show was great. They wished more people would have been in attendance to experience it. They are starting to look into different ways to get the information out beyond social media. *Rock Lotto* will be on July 20 and is a great fundraiser for the Next Act. Later this summer they will announce the second half of the season.
- Thyen-Clark Cultural Center – Renée reported the removal of the existing parking lot is well underway. At the last progress meeting two weeks ago the soil stabilization was 80-85 percent complete. The original plan was that the installation of the piers would begin this week but will be delayed due to the expected rain.
- The board meeting in July will proceed as scheduled. At least six board members will be able to attend, enough to form a quorum.

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

**Darla Blazey** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:14. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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**Mike Jones**

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**Attested**