



The March 9, 2021 meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission convened at 6:00 p.m.

A roll call was taken. Those members present via Teams were: Cecilia Coble, David Decker, Jamie Follis, Marisol Sanchez, Jocelyn Vare, Chris Lingner, Katie Haigh, Marissa Deckert and Tony Bagato.

Members absent: None

Others present: Ross Hilleary, Megan Baumgartner, Kay Prange, Ashley Elrod, Stephanie Perry, Sarah Sandquist, Aili McGill, Tom Rich, Tracy Gaynor, Katelyn Coyne.

Mr. Decker opened the meeting to Election of Officers.

Mr. Decker was nominated as President. The nomination was seconded and was approved, 7-0.

Ms. Coble was nominated as Vice-President. The nomination was seconded and was approved, 7-0.

Public Recognition: Cecilia Coble recognized the FAC for the Virtual Art Gallery and Connor Prairie for the Disability Awareness month.

Mr. Decker called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved, 7-0.

Old Business: Brand Position criteria was discussed.

New Business: An update was given on Spark! Fishers. It is moving to the last week in August- this is a one-year shift. Marissa reviewed events, such as concerts, 5K run, vendors/artists and parade. Aili noted that Art on the Prairie is the weekend before.

Budget discussions expanded into streamlining the Commission's role, quarterly meetings, and creating a FB page for Creative Council as a tool for increasing their input. It was noted that virtual meetings are challenging.

The Life in 2020 Competitive Grant was discussed. Comments included:

- Rename the grant to make it more lighthearted theme
- "Competitive" not needed
- Has the vision for the Commission changed?
- This is too prescriptive for creatives
- How to increase/focus Creative Council contributions. 40 members rotating in and out is missing the mark. Tom stated that he wrote how this should be set up and this is not what he created.
- Give CC a tour of the NP District
- Ashley noted that there is very low participation in Hub content.
- Quarterly meetings were discussed. The 2021 schedule will continue as approved. The next meeting will be in May.

It was agreed that Staff will go back to redefine the Creative Council and define the grant program.

Budget and Grant program: Aili McGill noted that \$2500 is a good amount for what the grant could look like.

Marisol Sanchez made a Motion to approve the \$43,000.00 Grant with a name revision, seconded by Jaimie Follis. The Motion was approved, 7-0.

Aili McGill gave an update on Todd Zimmerman's presentation of the Community Center and on NP Arts.
Tom Rich gave an update on the Musician Request.

Jocelyn Vare made a Motion to approve the \$1100.00 Musician Request, seconded by Jaimie Follis. The Motion was approved, 7-0. This request will go through the Grant program, as well as future requests.

A video of the Banner Series was viewed. The next Creative Council is April 13.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.