



The May 11, 2021 meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission convened at 6:00 p.m.

A roll call was taken. Those members present : Cecilia Coble, David Decker, Marisol Sanchez, Jocelyn Vare, Chris Lingner, Marissa Deckert and Ross Hilleary.

Members absent: Jamie Follis, Katie Haigh

Others present: Megan Baumgartner, Megan Schaefer, Kay Prange, Stephanie Perry, Aili McGill, Tom Rich, Tracy Gaynor, Katelyn Coyne, Sharon Brooks.

Mr. Decker announced Ross Hilleary as a non-voting Commission member.

Public Recognition was given to Sharon Jiskra Brooks for her contributions to the Fishers Arts community.

Mr. Decker called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved, 5-0.

Old Business:

Marisol Sanchez presented Brand Positioning criteria. The discussion also included what the partners get, and a 6-month Pilot program for 2021. Cecilia Coble spoke about recognizing previous partners in the Pilot program. This would include Four Day Ray, Meyer Najem, Connor Prairie, the Hamilton East Public Library. These previous partners could be recognized in 2021 and the program could be opened up to new members in 2022. Membership should be renewed each year and can be part of the Creative Council. It was agreed to be mindful of the Fishers Arts Council and Nickel Plate Arts organizations. Additional suggestions- send to Marisol.

David Decker asked for a Motion. Jocelyn Vare made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Cecilia Coble. The Motion was approved, 5-0.

New Business:

Stephanie Perry presented the PR report, including Memorial Day- The Gold Star Family Memorial unveiling, the 116th St. closure, Seize the Summer, new ambassadors, Spark! plans, and a Public art update.

Marissa Deckert presented the Parks report, including the Summer Concert Schedule, new AMP logo, Farmers Market, Agripark, Spark!, the Parks Department move to Hub & Spoke.

Ross Hilleary presented the Planning and Zoning report, including an RFQ review. An update was given on the Gateway feature at 116th and I-69, which needs a new location. It was agreed to keep the same partners, Hitchcock and Bo-Mar, moving forward, and that it is reasonable to pay them for the completed permit work. Megan Baumgartner noted that a location at Commercial Dr and 116th could be revitalized.

Jocelyn Vare presented the RFQ update for the Hamilton East Public Library entrance and plaza. There were 8 applicants, and 3 finalists. The finalists received a \$2000 honorarium. The winning RFQ was Calderon/Delgado/Warnock, an L.A. team. The visuals of the rock formations, tile path pavers, and benches were discussed, comments were positive.

It was noted in Commission Discussion that the other two submissions could be used in the future, and that the honorarium elevated the process. Marissa has seen their work in L.A. The Commission thanked Katelyn Coyne.

Mr. Decker asked for a Motion. Marisol Sanchez made a Motion to recommend approval and execute the contract. The Motion was approved, 5-0.

Ross Hilleary presented the Grant Proposal. Grants will range from \$1000 to \$2500, and this is a one-time grant. There is no guarantee that the program will be offered in 2022. Funds will be awarded on July 14. An annual report will be issued in January 2022 and it will be tracked with Permitting software. Commissioner comments were positive.

Mr. Decker asked for a Motion. Jocelyn Vare made a Motion to approve the proposal, which was approved, 5-0.

David Decker did a walkthrough on the ThisIsFishers.com website. The site is not yet active. The Grant and Partnership programs need to be added. There is positive feedback and the partnership with Hamilton County Tourism is key.

Megan Baumgartner discussed the Strategic Plan. KSM Consulting will provide a 2-hour facilitated meeting with dates to be proposed. David Decker sees it as an opportunity. The cost will not come out of the FACC budget.

Community Comment:

Aili McGill gave an update on Creative Council. The last CC meeting went well. Thompson Thrift sponsors concerts on Tuesday night in Fishers District on the Yard green. They should be considered for a partnership.

Nickel Plate Arts: Sharon Brooks has artwork at Four Day Ray, Meyer Najem, and Hub & Spoke. Les Rinehart now works for FAC and NPA.

Tom Rich gave an update on FAC. FAC and NPA are now tied together. They are offering a \$2000 scholarship to high school seniors. He discussed exhibits now at City Hall and the car show on 6/24.

Announcements: The Summer Concert Series was announced.

The next Creative Council meeting is June 8, 2021, 6 – 7:30 PM.

The next FACC meeting is July 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.