



**The July 13, 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, Jocelyn Vare, and Katie Haigh. Marissa Deckert and Ross Hilleary were also present.

**Members absent:** Jamie Follis, Chris Lingner, Marisol Sanchez.

**Others present:** Megan Baumgartner, Ashley Elrod, Kay Prange, Stephanie Perry, Aili McGill, Tom Rich, Tracy Gaynor, Becky Hochhalter.

Mr. Decker announced Aili McGill as a new non-voting Commission member.

Public Recognition was given to Becky Hochhalter for her "Blazing the Trail" mural.

**Mr. Decker called for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Katie Haigh made a Motion to approve, seconded by Cecilia Coble. The Consent Agenda was approved, 4-0.**

**Old Business:**

- a. **Fiscal Report Review - *Chairman David Decker*.** Gateway Feature concepts were discussed. The Board gave direction to Staff.
- b. **Subcommittee Structure Recap – *Ross Hilleary*.** Two official subcommittees were discussed- UDO and RFQ/Grant Review.

**New Business:**

- c. **Community and Public Relations Staff Report – *Ashley Elrod/Stephanie Perry*.** Stephanie discussed diversity in influencers, and the Shop Fishers Summer Series. Ashley discussed the Website LIVE and the Warren (Butch) Harling Plaza on the NPT, Key to the City recipients, and the Fishers Sesquicentennial in 2022. Aili noted that Hamilton County's Bicentennial is in 2023- is there overlap? Jocelyn asked what is the role of the FACC with the Plaza. Megan B. inquired how Staff should formalize requests and roles- we are looking for direction. Arts Crawl was discussed along with Creative Council and Conner Prairie partnering with other cultural communities. An event remembering the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 is in the planning stage.
- d. **Fishers Parks Staff Report – *Marissa Deckert*.** Marissa discussed the soft launch of the Maker's Space and that the teachers start in August. The Agripark has increased their offerings and Farmer's Market is up 60% from 2019.
- e. **Planning & Zoning Staff Report – *Ross Hilleary*.** The Library Plaza is moving forward for a 2022 launch.
- f. **Strategic Plan Recap – *Megan Baumgartner* – [Document](#).** Megan presented the Resultant findings as outlined in the Document, metrics of success, the Big Hairy Audacious Goals, the Smart Goals, and recommendations. Another session was requested – the thinking is that it can be self-facilitated. Cecilia noted that all members need to be present. Aili mentioned working sessions in "off" months from Board meetings.

**g. FACC RFQ / Grant Review Subcommittee**

**2021 Fishers Arts & Culture Grant Recommendation (Voting Item) – Ross Hilleary – [Document](#)**

Ross Hilleary presented the 18 recommendations as listed in the Document totaling \$42,925.

1. Fishers Arts Council - \$2,500
2. Safina Family Services - \$2,400
3. 31Svn Street Dance Academy - \$2,500
4. Prism Project of Fishers - \$2,500
5. St George Orthodox Church - \$2,500
6. Mixed Rep Showcase - \$2,500
7. Clockwork Music - \$2,500
8. Winter Club - \$2,500
9. JPPARSSI, Inc. - \$2,500
10. Sewful Cheryl - \$2,500
11. PFLAG Fishers - \$2,500
12. Page & Stage Theatre-for-Literacy - \$2,500
13. Brosmer PhotoGraphic - \$2,250\*
14. High Frequency Arts - \$2,025\*
15. Bruce Loewenthal - \$2,250\*
16. Ji-Enu Lee Music Academy - \$2,250\*
17. Sunday Crafternoon with Gwen - \$2,250\*
18. Famous Hoosiers - \$2,000

The items with \* were funded at 90%. Jocelyn stated that this validates the Creative Council. Ashley asked what role the City should play as artists complete their projects. Ross will need support to monitor outcomes.

**David asked for a Motion for the Grants. Jocelyn Vare made a Motion to approve, seconded by Cecelia Coble. The Motion was approved, 4-0.**

**h. Partnership Program Recommendation (Voting Item) – Marisol Sanchez – [Document](#)**

Ross presented the 7 recommendations as listed in the Document.

**David asked for a Motion for the Partnerships. Cecilia Coble made a Motion to approve, seconded by Jocelyn Vare. The Motion was approved, 4-0.**

**i. Creative Council Update – Aili McGill - [Document](#)**

Aili gave an update on the 5 areas outlined in the Document- diversity, inclusiveness, collaboration among members, roles, and the seasonal calendar.

**Community Comment:**

**Nickel Plate Arts Update – Aili McGill**

Aili discussed the events on the website.

**Fishers Art Council Update – Tom Rich- [Document](#)**

Tom discussed the events in the Document.

**Announcements:**

David Decker announced that Jaimie Follis has resigned from the FACC and thanked him for his contribution.

Ribbon Cutting for “Blazing the Trail” by Becky Hochhalter, Fishers PD Garage, July 14, 2021, 10:00 AM

Next Creative Council Meeting: August 10, 2021, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: September 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM (Fishers City Hall Auditorium)**

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.