



The September 29, 2021 meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission convened at 6:00 p.m.

A roll call was taken. Those members present: David Decker, Jocelyn Vare, Ben Yoder, Marisol Sanchez and Katie Haigh (by phone). Aili McGill and Ross Hilleary were also present.

Members absent: Cecilia Coble, Chris Lingner, Marissa Deckert

Others present: Megan Baumgartner (by phone), Ashley Elrod, Stephanie Perry, Kay Prange, Susan Baker, Larry Lannan. Mr. Decker welcomed Ben Yoder, Director of Orchestras, HSE Int./Jr. High School, as a new Commission member.

Mr. Decker called for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Marisol Sanchez made a Motion to approve, seconded by Jocelyn Vare. The Consent Agenda was approved, 5-0.

New Business:

City Hall/Arts Facility RFP – Ashley Elrod- The RFPO for the new City Hall has shown continued interest in an Arts Center. How does the Commission want to be involved? The Creative Council will also be involved. Aili Noted that the FAC has done a survey. Jocelyn noted that the devil is in the details. David asked for options. Ashley added that whoever is selected will determine the building space, programming the space will follow.

Fishers Arts Council Event Review and Update – Ross updated Tom’s reports for *Arts on the Prairie* and *Harvest Fest* lessons learned. Jocelyn added that she is proud of the FAC and Conner Prairie partnership.

Community and Public Relations Staff Report – Stephanie Perry spoke about the *This is Fishers* committee with 25 members, fostering community connections. Sesquicentennial planning is taking place. *Shop Fishers* is coming back for the Holidays. Ashley gave a *This is Fishers* update and agreed there would be synergy between *This is Fishers* and Creative Council. Views are low but will increase. Facebook provides the social traffic. Content is being developed. Tool kits were discussed.

Fishers Parks Staff Report – Ross reported on the Maker playground memberships and Blues Fest.

Creative Council Update – Aili reported that attendance was light at the last CC meeting. Some of the Grant Program recipients need extensions. 10/12/21 is next meeting.

Planning & Zoning Staff Report – Ross Hilleary asked for input about the 2 Grant Program applicants needing extensions. 16 of 18 will be complete in 01/22. The 2022 program \$ will be available in January of 2022. Jocelyn is in favor. Applications can be opened in the 4th Q so they can be awarded in 2022. Is the program available every year? This is not yet known based on budget considerations. Katie suggested that the primary focus of FACC funds should go to this program, allocate a % of the FACC budget. Marisol supports. Ross will continue to give updates. There are currently 7 checks to be cut.

David asked for a Motion to approve the extensions. Jocelyn Vare made a Motion to approve, seconded by Ben Yoder. The Motion was approved, 5-0.

Ross also updated the Commission on the Partnership program.

Nickel Plate Arts Update – Aili McGill updated the Board on the Makers in Residence selection at Ignite and the Nickel Plate Arts Gala at Hub & Spoke on October 14. The Gala was a great success, Hub & Spoke was a great location, and we all congratulate Ross Hilleary as Emerging Arts Champion of the Year!

Work Session for Strategic Plan:

Recommendations from Resultant were discussed for the Mission Statement. Wording such as Champion (as a verb), vital, aspirational, vibrant, inclusive, individual, community were all recommended. The last Mission Statement that was decided was:

“The Fishers Arts and Culture Commission champions growth of art and culture experiences as vital components of Fishers’ vibrant and inclusive community.”

It was agreed to consider it further.

Next Creative Council Meeting: October 12, 2021, 6 – 7:30 PM

Next Meeting: November 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm (Fishers City Hall Auditorium)

Adjournment- As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.