



The January 14, 2020 meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission convened at 6:03 p.m.

A roll call was taken and those members present were: Cecilia Coble, David Decker, Jamie Follis, Katy Haigh, Jocelyn Vare, Marissa Deckert and Tony Bagato.

Members absent: Chris Lingner and Marisol Sanchez.

Others present were: Ross Hilleary, Kelly Lewark, Gerrod Franklin, Josh Hreha, Leah McGrath, Aili McGill and Tom Rich.

Mr. Decker added three items to the agenda:

- 1) A correction to the meeting date listed on the agenda was noted from 2019 to 2020
- 2) Strategic Goals was added as an item of discussion under New Business
- 3) Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for participants at Spark!Fishers 2020- go to www.sparkfishers.com for more information and to apply.

Mr. Follis made a motion to approve the added agenda items. Ms. Vare seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.

Election of Officers and Appointments:

Tony Bagato suggested to the commission that David Decker and Cecilia Coble remain as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively and would like the Commission to consider two-year terms for those positions, which should be added to the Rules of Procedure.

- a. **Chairperson:** Ms. Vare made a motion to nominate David Decker as Chairperson. Ms. Haigh seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.
- b. **Vice-Chairperson:** Ms. Vare made a motion to nominate Cecilia Coble as Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Haigh seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.
- c. **Appointment of Secretaries / Non-voting members:** Ms. Haigh made a motion to nominate Marissa Deckert and Tony Bagato. Mr. Follis seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.
- d. **Appointment of Recording Secretaries:** Ms. Haigh made a motion to nominate Kay Prange and Kelly Lewark. Mr. Follis seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.

Public Recognition:

Aili McGill presented former Deputy Mayor Leah McGrath with a painting by artist Margot Bogue titled "Depot at Night". The gift from the Arts & Culture Commission was in honor of Leah's dedication to arts and culture in the City of Fishers.

Amendment of Rules of Procedure:

Mr. Decker noted two amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

- 1) Change the meeting start time from 6:30pm to 6:00pm
- 2) Adding language to specify the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson's terms are to be two years

Ms. Coble made a motion to approve both amendments. Ms. Vare seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.

Mr. Decker called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ross Hilleary requested to move the Planning & Zoning staff report to the regular agenda. Ms. Vare made a motion to approve the consent agenda and move the P&Z staff report to the regular agenda. Ms. Haigh seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0.

Staff Report - Planning & Zoning

Ross Hilleary introduced Josh Hreha from Scannell Properties. Mr. Hreha presented the gateway monument that was approved for the South Pointe Apartments being constructed at the intersection of Lantern Road and Fishers Pointe Boulevard. The monument will be a steel beam/column with the Nickel Plate emblem on both sides. Maintenance of the monument will be the responsibility of the developer. Mr. Decker asked if PR could promote the monument on social media to recognize Scannell for their efforts. Gerrod Franklin will coordinate with PR Director, Ashley Elrod.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2020 Financial Report: The Commission reviewed the January 2020 financial report. The contract with Nickel Plate Arts was not able to be approved using 2019 funds. The contract is still approved but will come out of 2020 funds. The Commission had a discussion on how best to create a budget going forward. The Commission would like to see models of other city budgets. Ms. McGill offered to gather that information, especially from Bloomington, as they have been around a long time. Mr. Hilleary will provide the Commissioners with an inventory list of the public art in Fishers. Ms. McGill noted that Hamilton County Tourism is working on creating a county-wide inventory of public art online. Mr. Rich also noted that Fishers Arts Council will be working on an Arts Challenge where people can check-in at various public art around the City and win prizes. Ms. Vare asked for clarification on the status of the creation of a 501(c)(3) corporation. A resolution was approved at their November 12, 2019 meeting. Mr. Bagato stated the City decided not to move forward with creating the 501(c)(3) due to potential issues using City funds. As such, Ms. Vare asked for the minutes to reflect there is not a 501(c)(3) created for the Commission's use at this time. Mr. Bagato will check if there are other options with the City so that the Commission is able to keep their funding for future use.

Strategic Goals: Mr. Decker reviewed the Strategic Goals in the approved Arts & Culture Master Plan with the Commission. It is the responsibility of the Commission to guide the implementation of the Strategic and Tactical Goals. Discussion was held on the possibility of assigning some of the goals to the subcommittees that exist. Mr. Decker will create a goals/to-do list to distribute to the Commission for feedback. He will also follow-up with Ashley Elrod about the hub and branding and invite her to the next FACC meeting.

The immediate goals for the commission are as follows:

- 1) Create a budget
- 2) Develop new Hub
- 3) Brand/Seal
- 4) Creative Council

Community Comment:

Update from Nickel Plate Arts:

- Ross and Aili are working on the Cultural District Annual Report & 2020 Funding request which is due February 6th.
- Thompson Thrift is planning a grand unveiling of four murals at The Yard at Fishers District on the first weekend in June. They are talking about it being an art festival, a concentrated arts crawl concept with ongoing programming and live music.

Update from Fishers Arts Council:

- Tom Rich provided a handout with the 2020 Exhibit Season schedule at The Art Gallery at City Hall.
- He shared how new vinyl lettering/signage is highlighting City Hall as an actual gallery.
- In October, they will hold their first juried exhibit, there is a \$50 fee to enter.
- Chef Carlos from Test Kitchen will be joining them in September for a culinary arts experience.
- FAC's goal is to raise \$20,000 this year.
- Mr. Decker inquired if FAC has specific asks from the commission. Mr. Rich asked them to continue to advocate for the arts and would also like to see The Art Gallery at City Hall have signage added to the main Municipal sign out front.

Announcements:

- March 6 – Celebration of Arts & Community Unity Reception at Conner Prairie from 6pm-9pm, which is an event that is part of March Disability Awareness Month.
- March 4 – City Service Awards, nominations are open, Marissa Deckert will send the Commission an email with more details.
- February 6 – Indy Chamber would like to pick the Commissioner's brains about all they are doing in Fishers.

The Commission talked about having students film art and culture in the community to promote on the website and social media, perhaps offering a scholarship as an incentive.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kelly Lewark, Recording Secretary