



BOARD/COMMISSION: Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
DATE: January 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm
DIRECTIONS: Fishers City Hall Auditorium, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038-1574

The first meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Leah McGrath, Fishers Deputy Mayor, welcomed the Commission Members as keepers of the Art & Culture vision of the City. Fishers Staff introduced themselves from the following departments: Planning and Zoning, Parks and Recreation, and Public Relations, after which the Nickel Plate Arts representatives and the Commission Members introduced themselves. The members spoke about their relationship to the Arts community, facilitation, about being a catalyst for Art, about diversity, and the impact of Art as a component of Fishers life.

The Commission members are:

- **Cecilia Coble**, City of Fishers Councilwoman
- **David Decker**, Owner of ACo and Co-Founder of Hub & Spoke
- **Jeremiah Follis**, Teacher at HSE High School, Founder of Olio Productions, and Sculptor
- **Kathryn Haigh**, Chief Operating Officer at Newfields
- **Chris Lingner**, Founding Company Member of the Indianapolis Ballet
- **Marisol Sanchez**, Vice President, General Counsel at Endress+Hauser, Inc. USA
- **Jocelyn Vare**, Owner of Propeller Marketing, Former President of Fishers Arts Council, Nickel Plate Arts Board Member, and President of Fishers Music Works

Roll call was taken. All Commission members were present.

Fishers Staff present included: Leah McGrath, Tony Bagato, Kevin Stotts, Ross Hilleary, Sarah Sandquist, Marissa Deckert, Stephanie Perry, Kay Prange. Aili McGill, Kristi Rowe and Larry Lannan were also present.

Orientation materials were presented by:

- a. Fishers Planning and Zoning
- b. Fishers Parks & Recreation
- c. Fishers Public Relations
- d. Nickel Plate Arts

Tony Bagato, Director of Planning and Zoning, discussed the new UDO and Open Space standards, the Nickel Plate Code, and the use of 'In Lieu' fees, activating Open Space. Planning and Zoning can also present developer guidelines and options. The Parks department is looking for feedback on event planning, the concert series, the Farmer's Market, and the Arts Crawl events. Public Relations discussed the Arts on social media. Nickel Plate Arts members Aili McGill and Kristi Rowe discussed the Arts Guide, the Meyer Najem Showcase, the Fishers Arts Council, and other active partners/programs for the organization.

Other discussion items that were brought up included the definition of cultural assets, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) State Report in 2020, aesthetic parameters, the Commission as Review Committee, and waterways as a source for art. A tour of new projects in the Fishers Nickel Plate District for the Commission was discussed.

It was discussed that the Meeting Agendas and Minutes will always be posted to the Fishers Website and the Minutes from the previous meeting will be linked to the Meeting Agenda for approval by the Commission. The Arts Commission meetings will always be open to Community comment, as these are Public Meetings, but not Public Hearings.

In the March meeting, Agenda items will include:

- Election of Officers
- Adoption of Rules and Procedures
- Sub-Committee reports
- Approval of the 2019 Meeting schedule
- Staff Reports

As there was no other business, a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kay Prange, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: March 12, 2019