



**The September 12, 2023, meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Jocelyn Vare.**

In attendance: Cecilia Coble, Ross Hilleary, Jocelyn Vare, Angie Frazier and Drew Braley. Katie Haigh and Marisol Sanchez were absent. Also in attendance, Kay Prange, Bre King, Laura Villanyi, Larry Lannan, Marissa Deckert, Rachel Kavathe, Michael Garinger, Ian Hauer, Robbie Waggoner.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Angie Frazier made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Drew Braley. The Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of 4-0.**

**New Business:**

**Parks Update- Marissa** Deckert spoke about events at Maker Playground, Markets, Concerts, Spark. The Geist ½ Marathon is coming up as well as Boo Bash.

**Community and Public Relations updates and Planning & Zoning updates** - Ross Hilleary recapped PR initiatives. Ross recapped examples of Grants in 2023- 9 grants. Also the Business Matching Grant program has not yet been approved for 2024 but if approved, the application window is Oct. 2 – Dec. 15.

Ross noted that we are still on schedule for a June City Hall/Arts Center opening. The new Koda Witsken mural at Alderman on Hwy 37 may be our largest mural yet. We do anticipate that the FACC continues to receive their \$60,000 that has been earmarked from City Council in 2024.

Bre King presented the **Whistle Drive Sculptures**. The Grant request is for \$17, 500. Rachel and RQAW representatives answered questions. Drew had several questions/comments about materials, maintenance, lighting. The activated location is away from 116<sup>th</sup> St. The material is hollow concrete placed on crushed stone and it will be possible to sit or climb on the 4 leaves. The sculpture will be surrounded by a path and lush plantings.

**Jocelyn asked for a Motion to approve the design. Drew Braley made a Motion to approve, seconded by Angie Frazier. The Motion was approved, 4-0.**

Laura Villanyi discussed FAC compensation. Jocelyn agrees with the need for a conversation and wants to involve Ashley. Jocelyn noted how far the Commission has come. Staff can report back in November. Cecilia asked that a program or event could highlight the diversity of the community through food, music, and art. Fourth round is starting!

**Jocelyn asked for a Motion to approve the Grant program. Angie made a Motion to approve, seconded by Drew. The Motion was approved, 4-0.**

**Community Comment:**

NP Arts is getting ready for their Gala.

**FAC Update:**

The Dusty Boots tour took place- the City Hall/Arts Center project is moving forward quickly. The Indianapolis Arts Center will do a grand opening and FAC will work with the City on June 29<sup>th</sup> grand opening.

Ross- Mark Williams will come to the November meeting to discuss programming from the IAC.

Laura- Focused on Team Building. Sept 24 – tour in Franklin. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Fest took place, highlighting other NFP organizations in Fishers. 1700 folks attended- a happy day in Fishers.

Ian Howard spoke about his performing arts organization.

Jocelyn spoke about Exhibit Columbus- the exhibit goes through the end of November. Shows Public art installation with interactive components. Columbus is a fellow Indiana Arts district.

Angie Frazier shared events taking place :

Below are the Columbus and Westfield multi-cultural events mentioned during the meeting.

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Next Meeting: November 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM at Pavilion Conference Room.

**Adjournment-** As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.