

# **Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes**

January 3, 2023

## **I. Call to order**

Mayor Ryan Daniel called to order the inaugural meeting of the Columbia City Arts Commission at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the Common Council Chambers of Columbia City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana.

## **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Greg Hockemeyer (member); Kay Fleck (member); Mike Thomas (member); April Frazier (member); Jennifer Romano (member); Becky Walter (member); Doug Egolf (member); Chip Hill; and Mayor Ryan Daniel.

## **III. Approval of minutes from the last meeting**

(Not applicable)

## **IV. Open issues**

(Not applicable)

## **V. New business**

- a) Commission members each introduced themselves following a welcoming message from the Mayor. The Mayor also introduced Development Director Chip Hill as the group's liaison with the City.
- b) Greg Hockemeyer nominated a slate of officers: Jennifer Romano for Chair, Kay Fleck for Vice-Chair, and Greg Hockemeyer for Secretary. Kay Fleck seconded the nomination. The Commission elected the nominated slate of officers by unanimous voice vote. Jennifer Romano presided over the balance of the meeting.
- c) The Mayor announced that \$10,000 has been allocated to the Commission for discretionary spending and provided information regarding additional funding opportunities through the [Indiana Arts Commission](#).
- d) Greg Hockemeyer moved to establish the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Columbia City Hall as the regular meeting schedule for the Commission. Becky Walter seconded the motion, which passed upon a voice vote.
- e) The Commission engaged in a general discussion to identify possible goals and tasks, including social media presence and management; a big "outside the box" project; an arts festival, possibly with artist demonstrations; a centralized digital event calendar portal; Farmers' Market participation; using funds to maintain downtown murals; and "playable" sculptures during the next development phase of Eagle Park.
- f) The members informally agreed to each consider bringing a logo design concept, any grant opportunity follow-up, and arts festival ideas to the next meeting.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent of the membership at 5:56 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.**

JANUARY 3, 2023, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary