

# ***Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes***

July 5, 2023

## **I. Call to order**

Commission Chair Romano called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia City Arts Commission (CCAC) at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 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), Doug Egolf (member), Becky Walter (member), Chip Hill(staff), and Mahri Romano (guest).

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

Kay Fleck moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2023, as presented, seconded by April Frazier, and approved by voice vote.

## **IV. Open issues**

- Makers Space – April Frazier recapped the last Third Thursday program.
- Art in the Alley – Mike Thomas previewed the next Third Thursday program, noting several artists plan to participate. It is hoped that young artists will also contribute. The discussion highlighted the need for additional signage. The membership authorized Kay Fleck to acquire a couple of easel signs for future events. Setup will begin at 5:30, with the event running from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- Summer in the City -- April Frazier noted that most programming is in place, but she is awaiting word from Music Encounters. She will contact and work with Ashley Buckles (of the Mayor's Office) to determine the exact location for the event on the Courthouse grounds. Those assisting with and participating in the event will be there around 8:00 am, with a target of beginning by 9:00 am and ending at 12:30 pm during the Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 22.
- Studio Tour – Becky Walter reported that Jennifer Romano, Becky Walter, April Frazier, Joni Walker, and Deb Robinson (Miller) plan to participate in the event from 9:00 am through 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 9. The membership noted the desirability of having a videographer memorialize the event. Ms. Walter also asked for additional help with the event.
- Public Art / Street Murals – Doug Egolf reported that the Ohki Alley entrance needs to be cleaned and sealed. He is working with the artist to begin the second installation at the corner of Chauncey and Van Buren.

## **V. New business**

- Becky Walter relayed the success of the Youtheatre's Sponge Bob Square Pants production.

- Aaron Mathieu of the Whitley County Historical Museum wants to partner with other community organizations for an art show at the Museum. The membership discussed the possibility of also involving the Peabody Public Library.
- Instead of a standard art show, the membership discussed the possibility of organizing a European-style Christmas Market for local creatives in conjunction with the annual downtown Christmas Parade on November 24.
- Becky Walter shared her idea of the Commission organizing a banjo festival. The membership discussed possible venues, including the 4-H Fairgrounds and the Shrine Horse Patrol grounds.
- Becky Walter clarified that she will not attend the August meeting.

**VI. Adjournment**

Becky Walter moved to adjourn, seconded by Greg Hockemeyer, and passed by voice vote at 5:49 p.m.

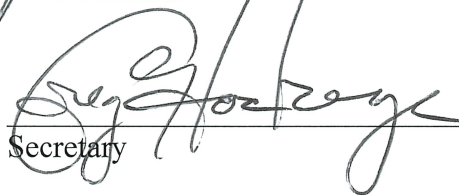
**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:   ~~AUGUST 1, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.~~  
   **SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.****

JULY 5, 2023, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September 2023.



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 Presiding Officer



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 Secretary