

Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2023

I. Call to order

Commission Chair Romano called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia City Arts Commission (CCAC) at 4:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, in the Common Council Chambers of Columbia City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana.

II. Roll call

The following people were present: Becky Walter (member), Greg Hockemeyer (member), Kay Fleck (member), Mike Thomas (member), April Frazier (member), Jennifer Romano (member), and Doug Egolf (member). Guest Sarah Haag also attended.

III. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Becky Walter moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 3, 2023, as presented, seconded by Kay Fleck, and approved by voice vote.

IV. Open issues

- Christmas Art Market – April Frazier noted her efforts to establish a forum for visual artists to display works in conjunction with downtown holiday events. Becky Walter moved to have the Commission sponsor the event on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chapman’s Brewing Company in Columbia City, seconded by Kay Fleck and passed by voice vote.
- Arts Project Support Grant – Kay Fleck emphasized the importance of developing a project to seek this grant from the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) as a threshold to further funding opportunities. By consensus, the members decided to pursue organizing a project to expose underserved youth populations in and around the city to art through lessons within walking distance of their homes, followed by a field trip to the Fort Wayne Art Museum over the Summer.
- Summer Theater Camp – While discussing the IAC grant project, the members noted the dates of the Whitley Arts Partnership (WAP) Summer youth theater program: June 10-14, 2023. Given the proximity to Columbia City, the requirement of payment from participants, and the Commission’s desire to remove cost barriers to youth, Greg Hockemeyer moved to remit \$1000.00 to the WAP for Summer Theater Camp tuition support, seconded by April Frazier and passed by voice vote with Becky Walter abstaining.

V. New business

- Becky Walter noted the formation of a community bell choir led by Jill Daniel. Anyone in the community may participate, and the group rehearses at the Columbia City United Methodist Church with support from the WAP.
- Guest Sarah Hagg shared with the Commission her experience with working with musical artists and the logistics of arranging dates for clinics and performances.

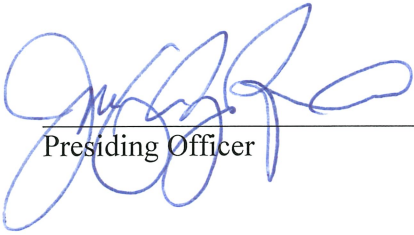
VI. Adjournment

No further business coming before the Commission, Jennifer Romano adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

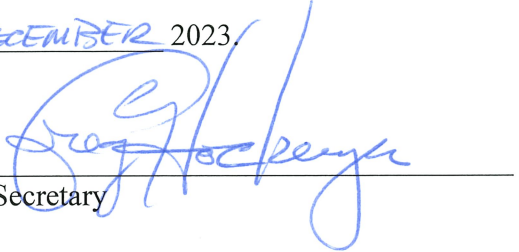
NEXT REGULAR MEETING: DECEMBER 5, 2023, @ 5:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 7, 2023, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS 5^R DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.



Presiding Officer



Secretary