

Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2024

I. Call to order

Commission Chair Romano called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia City Arts Commission (CCAC) at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 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), Mike Thomas (member), April Frazier (member), and Jennifer Romano (member). Bill Dittlinger (staff) and Chip Hill also attended. Member Kay Fleck was absent.

III. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Becky Walter moved to approve the August 6, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mike Thomas, and approved by voice vote.

IV. Open issues

- *SPARK Project*: nothing new
- *Artists' Studio Tour*: The event takes place on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 - April Frazier and Jennifer Romano have tentatively arranged an “after-party” to enable participating artists to gather at Downtown on the Square.
 - Greg Hockemeyer moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 for the after-party food and drink, seconded by Becky Walter and passed by voice vote.
 - Greg Hockemeyer moved to authorize granting a stipend of \$100 for each authorized participating artist, seconded by Becky Walter and passed by voice vote.
- *Commission Retreat*: The event is set for Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9 am to 11 am in Columbia City Common Council Chambers.
 - Jennifer Romano reminded the group that she has emailed homework to each to be completed and returned to her by September 15, 2024.
 - Becky Walter, Doug Egolf, and Greg Hockemeyer volunteered to bring food, drink, and tableware for breakfast at the retreat.
- *Street Art*: Bill Dittlinger admired another locale with carefully placed theme-based municipal infrastructure artworks. A discussion followed regarding possible themes and locations in town.

V. New business

- Commissioners recognized the contributions and resignation of Commissioner Kay Fleck.
- April Frazier shared that she has already renewed the registration and maintenance plan for the Commission’s website for \$145.65. Greg Hockemeyer moved to reimburse her in that amount, seconded by Mike Thomas and passed by voice vote.

VI. Announcements

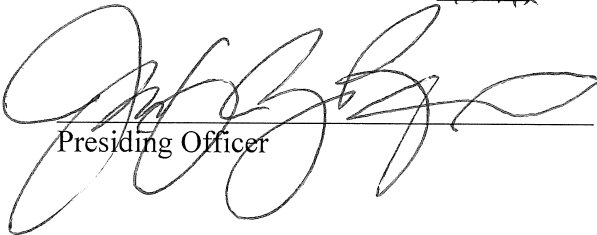
- Jennifer Romano encouraged folks to attend the “Art at the Museum” reception on September 26, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Whitley County Historical Museum.
- Becky Walter sought support for the Laurence E. Wolf Bell Choir at a fundraising event for September 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Peabody Public Library.

VII. Adjournment

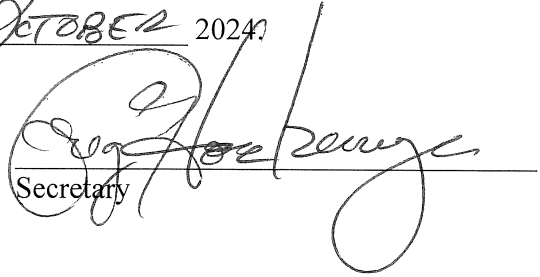
Becky Walter moved to adjourn, seconded by April Frazier, and passed by voice vote at 5:54 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024



Presiding Officer



Secretary