

Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2024

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 Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers of Columbia City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana.

II. Roll call

The following people were present: Greg Hockemeyer (member), Mike Thomas (member), April Frazier (member), Doug Egolf (member), and Jennifer Romano (member). Bill Dittlinger (staff) also attended. Member Becky Walter was absent. (One commissioner position is vacant.)

III. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Greg Hockemeyer moved to approve the September 3, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by April Frazier, and approved by voice vote.

IV. Open issues

- *SPARK Project*: nothing new
- *Artists' Studio Tour*: The members enjoyed the event and Whitley County Museum partnership. Looking ahead, some members noted the desirability of bigger participant signage and setting a standard weekend for the event.
- *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 distributed preliminary input from the membership for review and supplementation before the retreat.
 - Becky Walter, Doug Egolf, and Greg Hockemeyer volunteered to bring food, drink, and tableware, respectively, for breakfast at the retreat.
- *Street Art*: The group reaffirmed the desirability of a unified theme, possibly aquatic or lake life, and noted possible locations. Jennifer Romano suggested that members look for and share possible sites with her before the retreat.

V. New business

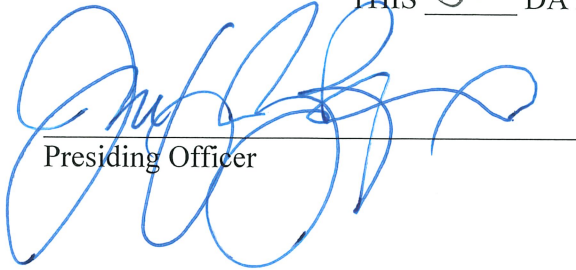
- April Frazier reminded the assembled that the holiday season is near if the Commission plans a holiday market like last year. This led to a general discussion of options for such an event. Jennifer Romano said she would check with the Historical Museum about holding an event under the Merry Museum Christmas umbrella.
- The members addressed the remaining financial needs, such as advertising at Bones Theatre and improved signage for the Artists' Studio Tour before the year's end.

VI. Adjournment

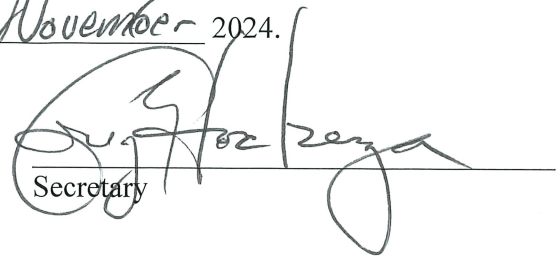
Greg Hockemeyer moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Romano, and passed by voice vote at 5:33 p.m.

OCTOBER 1, 2024, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS 5th DAY OF November 2024.



Presiding Officer



Secretary