

Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2025

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, July 1, 2025, in the Common Council Chambers of Columbia City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana.

II. Roll call

The following people were present: Jennifer Romano (member), Greg Hockemeyer (member), Mike Thomas (member), Connie Boggs (member), and April Frazier (member). Doug Egolf (member) and Chip Hill (staff) were not present.

III. Approval of minutes from the last meetings

April Frazier moved to approve the June 3, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Connie Boggs, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

IV. Open issues

- *SPARK*: April Frazier offered a recap of the project in which 11 youth participated, concluded with a Friday recital. She also presented a breakdown of expenses (attached), totaling \$ 1,985.80. Greg Hockemeyer moved to authorize remittance of payment of the costs, seconded by Mike Thomas, and approved by voice vote.
- *Artists' Studio Tour*: Mike Thomas noted that one musical act has been booked with another pending.
- *Calendar*: Jennifer Romano asked each member to submit the names of three (3) artists to be considered for inclusion in the 2026 edition.
- *Bones Theater and WJHS*: April Frazier and Jennifer Romano noted that the focus of these promotions will shift to the Artist Studio Tour.
- *Public Art*: Tabled.
- *Chess Club*: April Frazier believes that Becky Walter is still working on this project.
- *Holiday Events*: The group briefly discussed potential venues and possibly combining November and December events, but took no action.
- *Old Settlers*: Jennifer Romano reported that fourteen entered the coloring contest and that the two winners received arts supplies as prizes.

V. Other business

- Jennifer Romano's historical museum has acquired mobile display equipment available to the Commission, and retired Marshall residence slate shingles are available to artists as a medium for Whitley County-related artwork.
- April Frazier and Mike Thomas agreed to assist in curating items for the upcoming museum exhibition.
- Greg Hockemeyer noted that the inaugural Harold Company production of the musical *Curtains* will be on August 1st and 2nd at the Columbia City High School Auditorium.

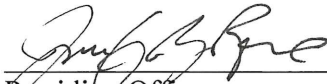
- Mike Thomas will arrange a booth for the Commission's presence at the First Friday's event on September 5, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

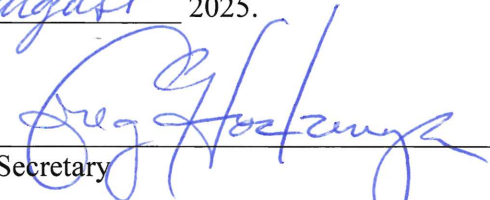
Greg Hockemeyer moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Romano, and passed by voice vote at 6:01 p.m.

JULY 1, 2025, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS 5th DAY OF August 2025.



Presiding Officer



Secretary

Spark Art Camp

Walmart, s art supplies, food	\$69.57
Aldi, food	\$50.83
Costco-snacks, drinks	\$52.86
Dollar General, drinks for Gala	\$22.42

Amy Johnston, art instructor	\$250	5 hours
Taylor Ford, music instructor	\$250	5 hours
April Frazier, dance instructor	\$450	13 hours
Assistants x3		
Kai	\$110	13 hours
Addison	\$110	13 hours
Sophie	\$50	4 hours
Whitley Transit	4 days	\$360
Studio rental, 5 days		\$100
Espich printing		\$32

Total expenditures \$1,907.68

+ \$ 78.12
