



The January 11, 2022 meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission convened at 6:00 p.m, as a Teams Virtual meeting.

A roll call was taken. Those members present: David Decker, Cecilia Coble, Jocelyn Vare, Marisol Sanchez, Katie Haigh, and Ben Yoder. Marissa Deckert, Aili McGill and Ross Hilleary were also present.

Members absent: none

Others present: Megan Baumgartner, Stephanie Perry, Kay Prange, Tracy Gaynor, Samantha Wisecup, Laura Villanyi.

Election of Officers: Mr. Decker asked for a Nomination for President of the FACC. Marisol Sanchez nominated David Decker as President, seconded by Jocelyn Vare. Mr. Decker was elected, 5-0. Mr. Decker then asked for a nomination for Vice-President. Cecilia Coble nominated Katie Haigh as Vice-President, seconded by Marisol Sanchez. Ms. Haigh was elected, 5-0.

Mr. Decker presented a Recognition Award to Tom Rich, for his contribution to the Fishers Arts Council and the Fishers Community, which was accepted by Laura Villanyi of the Fishers Arts Council in Tom's absence.

Mr. Decker called for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jocelyn Vare made a Motion to approve, seconded by Marisol Sanchez. The Motion was approved, 6-0.

New Business:

a. 2022 Budget Discussion –

David and Ross Hilleary led a discussion of the 2022 Budget. \$50,000 gets carried over from last year. The Nickel Plate Arts budget is taken out and is now in the Planning Department budget. Megan Baumgartner said that the May/June time frame may be the time to look at an increase. Cecilia and Jocelyn discussed how to craft the request.

b. Community and Public Relations Staff Report –

Stephanie highlighted Shop Fishers, MLK Day plans, the Sesquicentennial planning process in 2022, and how to work with the Commission on that plan. The RFZ and Grant subcommittee can be activated. Samantha Wisecup from Fishers Community Outreach was introduced.

c. Fishers Parks Staff Report –

Marissa Deckert highlighted Koda Witsken's mural at the AgriPark, the Car and Art Show on 6/23, Needle and Thread Society, other partners from the Grants process.

d. Creative Council Update –

Aili McGill noted that the last meeting was virtual and that there is a job posting within NP Arts for someone to manage grant programs for the donut counties, not including Shelby County. She is working on making communications better, in general.

e. Planning & Zoning Staff Report –

Ross Hilleary reported on FACC 2021 / 2022 Grant Program Updates. The grant process is due by 1/15 and closes on 1/31. Applicants will be presented 3/8. A new cap exists, which is \$5000.

f. 2022 FACC Nickel Plate Trail RFQ Request #1 –

Ross presented one of the BHAG #2 items- incorporation of art into the NP Trail. Rebar wants to incorporate art into the new Techway site as a Trailhead. A \$50,000 RFP exists. The Plaza for the artwork will be installed in 1Q 2023. DaVinci Pursuit is an art sculpture lending/sharing program with an art "port" which allows art installations to be changed out. Shelby Bowen is looking at a Spring 2023 dedication and will look into the cost of the pods/port. The City has final approval of the plan.

David Decker asked for a Motion for the NPRFO. Ben Yoder made a Motion to approve, seconded by Jocelyn Vare. The Motion was approved, 6-0.

Community Comment:

- a. Laura Villanyi and Aili McGill discussed FAC plans and 3 new Board members.
- b. Aili discussed NP Arts – The Comic Book in a Day is virtual this year.

Work Session:

Strategic Plan - David discussed bandwidth. How many goals can we take on, such as the icon/symbol? The Art Center and Trailhead are already in the works. Marisol noted that the Art Center is a huge undertaking. The DaVinci item is already under #2. Katie and Cecilia agree. David recommended focus on 1 and 2- see how the Commission's bandwidth works out. Ross added that Annual updates on the 2040 Master Plan will take place . Ross and David will work on SMART goals.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2022, at 6:00 pm (Fishers City Hall Auditorium)

Adjournment- As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.