



CITY OF FISHERS AGENDA

BOARD/COMMISSION: Fishers Arts and Culture Commission

DATE: 1/14/2025 at 6:00 PM

DIRECTIONS: Fishers Municipal Center, Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers 46038

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- 1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Ice Breaker**
- 4. Elections**
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice-Chairperson
- 5. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes
 - b. January 2025 Financial Report
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Fishers Parks Update
 - b. Community and Public Relations Update

c. Planning & Zoning Update

2025 Grant Applicants

d. Creative Council Update

7. Community Comment

8. Announcements

a. 1/28/25 Special Meeting at 6:00- Nickel Plate Conference Room - Review Grant Applications

9. Adjournment



The November 12, 2024, meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Jocelyn Vare.

In attendance: Marisol Sanchez and Samantha Wisecup via Teams, Mark Williams, Drew Braley, Jocelyn Vare, Angie Frazier, Cecilia Coble. Rasha Nayal, Michelle O'Hollaren, and Ross Hilleary were not present. Also in attendance, Rob McMurray, Kay Prange, Laura Villanyi, Ryan Shelton, Marissa Deckert. Christy Cashin, and CGA participants Norma Meier, Kim Coleman, and Twinkle Guiral.

Commission Recognition: Cecilia Coble presented a Recognition Certificate to Jocelyn Vare for her contribution to the community while on Council and her leadership and contribution to the Arts Commission as a member and Chairperson. Marisol Sanchez is also rolling off the committee. She could not attend in person tonight.

Consent Agenda:

Mark made a Motion to approve the 9-10-24 Minutes, seconded by Drew. Cecilia and Angie abstained. The Motion was approved, 4-0-2.

Drew made a Motion to approve the November 2024 Financial report, seconded by Angie. The Motion was approved, 6-0.

New Business:

Parks Update- In Parks updates, Marissa updated the tree lighting event on 11/30, Art camps (at playfishers.com), and an event needs to be decided as a result of the Mayor's Breakfast. This is in discussion by Staff.

Community and Public Relations updates: Samantha updated Community Center membership, Shop Fishers, and the MLK Food Drive

Planning & Zoning: Christy reviewed the 2025 Grant Program, with a \$75,000 budget, which is an increase of 20%. Cecilia and Mark agree that more programming for Seniors is needed. That population is "underserved". Mark has an existing "Senior Outreach" program. Several corrections to the One Sheet document were discussed.

Jocelyn asked for a Motion to approve the Grant Program. Mark made a Motion to approve, seconded by Drew. The Motion was approved, 6-0.

Regarding the time frames, Drew is concerned that the 1/5/25 deadline only leaves 9 days till the 1/14/25 meeting. Maybe a special meeting/workshop is needed or the 1/14 meeting is moved back? Do we need to review the process?

Christy also discussed the Mayor's Breakfast. Jocelyn noted that the turnout was great and Cecilia noted that we need to think about how we consume Art and help the community understand its value. Angie noted that it was great that the Mayor was there. Will this event be repeated in 2025?

Creative Council: Laura updated the 10/14 meeting, upcoming November and December events and promotions on IndyNow.

Laura also updated Fishers Arts Council Winter Art Markets, the Dia de Muertos activities at Fishers Municipal Center, the Gallery Hop and partnership with Sun King for the Winter Art Markets.

Ryan updated Noblesville Creates and exhibits at Meijer Najem and 4 Day Ray.

Community Comment: 3 participants from the CGA were in attendance and were very positive about the Arts and Cultural Commission programs.

Next Meeting: 1/14/25

Adjournment- As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.



FACC 2025 Grant Applications

Application	Applicant	Organization	Project Summary	Within NPD?	Previous Awardee	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	Proposed Amount Awarded	Staff Adjusted Proposed Amount Awarded
FACC-24-2	Dr. Saneta Maiko	Josserb Consulting, LLC	Mission: We engage diverse voices in transforming people's lives through contemplation, meaning making, inclusion, diversity, equity, and access for the wellbeing of our community. Vision: A peaceful world where everyone is treated as a human being and experiences a meaningful life	Yes		\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00		
FACC-24-3	Bradley Houser	Eat Here Indy LLC	Chicken & Beer Festival is a community-oriented food festival believing in bringing people together through the collective love of food. Our mission is to support small food businesses, promote cultural diversity, and address food equity issues in overlooked communities.	TBD		\$7,500.00	\$28,000.00		
FACC-24-4	Eric Salazar	Forward Motion	"Perspective" is a music performance project that seeks to stimulate interest in the thriving visual art scene of Fishers. Perspective will build off of the inaugural year's success by continuing a partnership between Forward Motion, Indianapolis' premiere contemporary classical music ensemble, and Ignite Studio, an art studio and makerspace located at Hamilton East Public Library in the Nickel Plate District. The project will enact two concerts with curated music that shares strong thematic connections to the rotating exhibits taking place at Ignite Studio in 2025. This project has touchpoints in the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission's core values of: Authentic, Engaging, Collaborative, Innovative, and Educational.	Yes	2024 (\$5040)	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00		
FACC-24-5	Ryan Shelton	Noblesville Creates	Noblesville Creates hosts quarterly exhibits for Showcase Artists at Meyer Najem and Four Day Ray. This year's goal is to engage new and diverse audiences, while continuing to expose the artist to new patrons and potentially more sales. The receptions for these exhibits are in collaboration with Fishers Arts Council's Gallery Hop. We also want to build more engagement and collaboration with the Fishers business community.	Yes	2024 (\$2500)	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00		
FACC-24-6	Mohamed Amin	Lantern Islamic Theater Company	Lantern Islamic Theater's 2025 creative season will feature 8 productions performed at the Alhuda Mosque and Eman High School campus.	No	2024 (\$7000)	\$7,500.00	\$16,500.00		
FACC-24-7	Dr. Nataki Pettigrew	Emerging Pearls Foundation, Inc.	Art, Kulture, & Appetizers 2025 exemplifies the Commission's core values through its multifaceted approach to celebrating and advancing arts in Fishers. The inclusive nature of this event is demonstrated through deliberate programming that welcomes all Fishers residents while spotlighting Black artists from our community. We are expanding accessibility by incorporating youth artists and offering art at various price points. The community painting installation ensures every attendee, regardless of artistic background, can participate in creating art.	No	2023 (\$7500) 2024 (\$7500)	\$7,500.00	\$11,000.00		
FACC-24-8	Jennifer Wolfe	Hamilton County Artists' Association	HCAA is planning an exhibit called "All Our Best" at the Fishers City Hall gallery in collaboration with the Fishers Arts Council.	Yes		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		

FACC-25-1	Doug Whisman	Fishers Music Works	Fishers Music Works plans to present over 10 cultural concerts in 2025, showcasing a diverse range of musical styles and performances to engage the community. The special focus of this season, and why we need additional funding, is our highlight of new works by contemporary, local composers, providing a platform for innovative music and fresh artistic expression.	Yes		\$7,500.00	\$35,000.00		
FACC-25-2	Johnson Simon	Art By Johnson Simon LLC	The proposed project, "My Art is My Movement: A Community Expression", is an inclusive and engaging art exhibit and workshop series that explores the intersection of movement, identity, and culture through the lens of Johnson Simon's dynamic work. This initiative will feature an interactive art exhibit displaying Johnson's signature paintings and a series of hands-on workshops where participants of all ages and abilities can create their own movement-inspired artwork.	Yes		\$7,500.00	\$9,325.00		
FACC-25-3	Brandon Meeks	Brandon Meeks Music	"Harmony in Motion: Jazz Improv Workshop Series" is returning and expanding for 2025. with live jazz performances, expert-led talks, and interactive improvisation workshops. Led by Brandon Meeks, a professional jazz artist and bandleader, this expanded series continues to provide aspiring musicians and music lovers in Fishers with the opportunity to explore jazz improvisation while learning from some of the most accomplished jazz artists and educators in Central Indiana.	Yes	2024 (\$7000)	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00		
FACC-25-4	Ji-Eun Lee	Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy	Silver Music & Movement Classes: This engaging class is designed for adults 55 and older to enjoy music, gentle movement, and social connection. Participants will explore rhythm, melody, and simple choreography to promote physical activity, coordination, and cognitive health in a fun and supportive environment. No prior experience is necessary—just a love for music and a desire to stay active! Goal of class is to provide an enriching and healthy physical and social interaction and to engage the public while introducing them to the Fishers Arts Center.	Yes		\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00		
FACC-25-5	Janette Brown	Indianapolis Children's Choir	The proposed project involves delivering one-hour library versions of the Indianapolis Children's Choir's (ICC) Preschool Outreach Program (POP!) and Young Exceptional Singers (YES!) at the Fishers Public Library. These programs are designed to foster musical exploration and vocal artistry in young children, providing accessible, engaging, and educational musical experiences for preschoolers and elementary students within their community.	Yes		\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00		

FACC-25-6	Lisa Finn	HSE	<p>It is our desire to create an International Fair for the city of Fishers that is a bigger scale version of the Riverside International Fair. The framework that we have used for the Riverside Fair has been very successful over the past 7 years and could easily be replicated to create an even bigger and better experience that is inclusive to the entire community. We will invite community members who represent different countries and cultures to host a booth where they can share about their culture. Riverside has had hundreds of families participate in our fairs over the years and our committee has connections to many residents and cultural organizations so we feel very confident that we will have a huge turnout. We will provide a 6-foot table available to each community member who registers where they can display items related to their country/culture. Tables can be as simple or as fancy as each person chooses to make it. Some items that families could display include photos, posters with facts, artwork, maps, flags, clothing, crafts, and/or food. Many tables have tiny food samples which people always enjoy, but people do not have to have food at their table. We have checked with the Fishers Health Department who said that families would be allowed to have food samples if it is not for sale. Many tables also have fun activities such as teaching people how to write their name in another language or how to play a game from their culture. Community members are so proud to share about their cultures and it is such a wonderful education opportunity for everyone in the community to learn more about each other and experience the beauty of inclusion.</p>	Yes		\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00		
					Total Amount	\$72,600.00	\$140,925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00