



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.