



APPROVED

The February 6, 2025, meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission was convened at 5:00 p.m. by Ross Hilleary.

In attendance: Mark Williams, Drew Braley, Angie Frazier, Cecilia Coble, Rasha Nayal. Laura Villanyi was not present. Also in attendance, Paul Walters, Kay Prange, Ross Hilleary, Marissa Deckert, Christy Cashin, Les Rheinhardt, Ryan Shelton, Larry Lannan. Les will also vote on the Grant Applications.

This is a Special meeting to vote on Grant applicants.

New Business:

Ross Hilleary summarized the Grant process. \$75,000 was budgeted, and \$72,600 was requested by applicants. When selecting applicants, the total requested amount does not have to be funded. Les noted that applicants need to confirm partnerships prior to applying.

In reviewing the spreadsheet, the board noted that items FACC-24-2 and FACC-24-3 were the lowest scoring. If these two were skipped, there would be \$57,600 left.

There was discussion about what to do with leftover funds. Cecilia wants to engage the Nickel Plate Trail. Rasha suggested concerts at the AMP. Marissa did note that it is \$5000 to reserve a concert at the AMP. A second round of Grant applicants could be opened up. Mark advised that this is a bad precedent to open up a 2nd round. Les advises applicants not to ask for food, drink, transportation, rental fees. Mark agreed that we will work on Grant guidelines based on Les' feedback. Ross noted that the Board can bring forward a proposal for the difference between \$57,600 and \$75,000.

Angie Frazier asked for a Motion. Mark Williams made a Motion to approve the applications as requested, excluding the first two. Cecilia Coble seconded. The Motion was approved, 6-0.

Announcements: Les discussed the Valentines Day Gallery Hop. Ryan told the group that the Comic Book in a Day event was a great success.

Adjournment- As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.