

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

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UNAPPROVED**

NOVEMBER 18, 2008

A regular meeting of the Public Art Committee, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Cedarburg City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Radtke at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council Member Kip Kinzel, Charlie Radtke, Liz Brown, Renee Graef, Mark Hergarten, Karen Reimer

Also Present - City Planner Jon Censky, Library Director Mary Marquardt, William Wernecke, Merlin Rostad, Steve Ruggieri

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairperson Radtke confirmed that the agenda for the meeting had been posted and distributed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLY RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF AN ART SCULPTURE TO BE PLACED ON THE SITE OF THE NEW CEDARBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY; AND ACTION THEREON

Planner Censky reviewed the process for accepting public works of art for the Committee. He indicated that the City of Cedarburg created the Public Art Committee in 2003 to review any offer of dedication to the City of a work of art for public display. The Council made this an advisory committee responsible for providing a recommendation to the Council which has the final say on accepting any form of public art. Planner Censky noted that following this evening's recommendation, the item will be placed on the December 8, 2008 Common Council meeting for final action. He further explained that in this instance, since the library plans have not been approved yet, the intent is to accept this sculpture through this process now so that it will be incorporated into the site and landscaping plans as those plans come forth for the public library.

Mr. Wernecke addressed the Committee and explained that Merlin Rostad, a noted artist and former mayor of the City, wishes to donate his sculpture made out of high-quality aluminum. He advised that the installation and landscape costs are to be covered by a pledge to the Cedarburg Friends of the Library by the R and R Heritage Foundation.

Mr. Rostad spoke to the Committee and noted that the sculpture will be 6-feet tall and 4-feet wide with each element of this sculpture being 2-inches thick. The sculpture will be mounted on a polished granite slab, which stands about 3-feet high. Mr. Rostad further explained that this sculpture will be created through a computer-assisted milling machine and will be of a very high grade aluminum block. Because of the material, no future maintenance is anticipated for the sculpture itself. Mr. Rostad advised that he had created a similar sculpture which is on display at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Committee Member Graef questioned whether Mr. Rostad felt that the structure needed to be placed in a certain direction to achieve an appropriate visual appeal. Mr. Rostad responded that the architect for the Cedarburg Public Library had seen the sculpture and that they have some ideas on where to place the sculpture.

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Action

Committee Member Reimer moved to recommend acceptance of the sculpture with the condition that the Public Art Committee be part of the process in approving the location of this sculpture on the Cedarburg Public Library site. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Brown and passed by unanimous vote.

REVIEW AND CERTIFY CODE OF ETHICS

All Committee Members certified that they had reviewed the Code of Ethics.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kinzel moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Brown and passed by unanimous vote. The time was 6:30 p.m.

Jonathan P. Censky,
City Planner