

LANDMARKS COMMISSION
February 9, 2017

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UNAPPROVED

A regular meeting of the Landmarks Commission, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Cedarburg City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judy Jepson at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Judy Jepson, Tomi Fay Forbes, Tom Kubala, James Pape, Robert Ross

Excused - Council Member Patricia Thome, Doug Yip

Also Present - Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Mikko Hilvo, Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield, Council Member Jack Arnett

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairperson Jepson acknowledged that the agenda for this meeting was posted and distributed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Tom Kubala, seconded by Tomi Fay Forbes, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting. Judy Jepson noted her last name was misspelled in the "meeting called to order" line. Motion carried without a negative vote with Doug Yip and Council Member Thome excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Review Proposal from the Public Art Commission for Public Art on Downtown Utility Box; and action thereon.

Director Hilvo explained that the Public Arts Commission likes to do a project each year to add art to the community. They are currently discussing projects including the proposal to paint the utility boxes. The City checked with the utility company. The Public Arts Commission is focusing on the utility box at the corner of Washington Avenue and Columbia Road, a visible location. They are considering putting a call out to artists who may be interested in the project and offering a \$500 stipend, procured from a donation. After a final idea is selected, the Public Arts Commission would return to the Landmarks Commission for approval.

Bob Ross expressed concern that the boxes would downgrade the historic district and its ambiance. He feels there are plenty of venues for artists not as visible as these boxes. Jim Pape stated that we need to be sensitive to the historic district and proposed that the first painted box be done outside the historic district and see how the public reacts.

Judy Jepson agreed. She stated that not everyone agrees on what constitutes 'good' art. Coordinator Sheffield pointed out that a high caliber artist is more likely to be attracted to the project, if the box is in a more visible location.

Director Hilvo stated that Cedarburg is a tourist destination and the community does projects such as the flower baskets, to add to the appeal of the City.

Bob Ross responded that the historic nature of the City is what appeals to people.

Tom Kubala is enthusiastic about the project; he has seen such artwork in Minneapolis and would like to see more visible venues for artists.

The conclusion of the discussion is that the majority of the Commission Members would like to see the first project done outside the historic district; perhaps in a park.

Jim Pape moved to reject the idea of decorating the utility boxes in the downtown historic district. Tomi Fay Forbes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Judy Jepson, Tomi Fay Forbes, James Pape and Bob Ross voting in favor, Tom Kubala opposed and Council Member Thome and Doug Yip excused.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tomi Fay Forbes, seconded by Tom Kubala, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Thome and Doug Yip excused.

Tomi Fay Forbes
Secretary

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