

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
April 27, 2017

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UNAPPROVED

A regular meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Dave Eitel at 5:26 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council Member Jack Arnett, Paul Yank, Melissa Wraalstad, Dave Eitel, Blain Gibson, Deb Mortl

Excused - Sue Schrader, Jeanette Gabrys

Also Present - Tamara Strause, Judith Kervin, Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Mikko Hilvo, Jane Hamilton

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Mikko Hilvo 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 Paul Yank, seconded by Council Member Arnett, to approve the March 30, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Sue Schrader and Jeanette Gabrys excused.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Tamara Strause mentioned she researched benefits of presenting a community as an arts destination. In every instance, the arts had a positive impact on the economy and quality of life of communities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Rainworks Art; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo brought a kit to show the committee. Other kits were distributed to the Cedarburg Art Museum, Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce, and Pink Llama Gallery for trial on May 13. This kit will be used to create Rainworks artwork in front of Community Gym.

Director Hilvo advised that any kind of stencil may be used except regular paper. Deb Mortl said her students could create stencils for May 13. Melissa Wraalstad mentioned that Director Pierschalla of the Cedarburg Public Library may be interested in participating. Director Hilvo will follow-up with her.

Discuss New Public Art Ideas; and Action Thereon

1. Director Hilvo reported that a Taiwanese puppet show will be performing two shows in the Community Gym on May 13. The Taiwanese Embassy is sponsoring them.
2. Council Member Arnett suggested a big swing to sit in be considered in front of the Community Gym. He will bring photographs to the next meeting.

Update on Public Art Project by Judith Kervin; and Action Thereon

Dave Eitel questioned the project's appropriateness for Cedarburg, stating concerns that it is a monumental piece that will be around for a long time and the Committee needs to be certain the project is well-thought out. He does not want it to be rushed.

Director Hilvo recapped the previous discussions. He also stated it fit with the Council Circle intended for Adlai Horn Park, as well as the stone buildings and historic nature of Cedarburg.

Judith Kervin said she believes it fits with the Cedarburg themes of preservation, history, art, and science, as well as her own artwork.

Deb Mortl asked when the Common Council would be informed. Director Hilvo said the proposal needs to go before the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission first and then the Common Council.

Melissa Wraalstad recommended members who are unfamiliar with idea of Council Circles see the one installed at Westlawn, for an example.

Dave Eitel asked for in-situ drawings, suggesting that would make it easier to evaluate the project and is consistent with the process used for other public art projects that have been done. Deb Mortl concurred, requesting scale and image drawings. Director Hilvo and Judith Kervin will work together to create a presentation with images and scale drawings to present to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Paul Yank, seconded by Blaine Gibson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Sue Schrader and Jeanette Gabrys excused.

Melissa Wraalstad
Secretary

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