

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
February 28, 2019

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UNAPPROVED

A meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melissa Wraalstad at 5:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council Member Kristin Burkart, Melissa Wraalstad, Paul Yank,
Lisa Brobst, Dave Eitel, Kerry Tharp, Blaine Gibson

Excused- Deb Mortl, Sue Schrader

Also Present - Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Mikko Hilvo
Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield
Library Director Linda Pierschalla

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Director 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 Council Member Burkart, seconded by Blaine Gibson, to approve the October 30, 2018 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl and Sue Schrader excused.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Possible Yarn Decorating Event in Downtown Cedarburg; and Action Thereon

Melissa Wraalstad has been working with Sue Schrader to do this event for a Summer Sounds night. They would have a group of volunteers decorate the bandshell and trees in the park with yarn. The goal is to highlight fiber arts in Cedarburg. Moving the event out of the downtown area to the park would be much easier to accomplish. A discussion ensued regarding the event.

Motion made by Dave Eitel, seconded by Kerry Tharp, to move the event to Cedar Creek Park and do it in conjunction with Summer Sounds. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl and Sue Schrader excused.

Discuss Decorating the Bike Path with Artistic Flowerpots; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo stated that the running club would be willing to maintain the pots but questioned whether it is a worthwhile project with several other projects being looked at currently. Dave Eitel stated that the impact would not be as great on the bike path compared to a downtown location. Discussion ensued. It was decided to take this off the agenda as a possible public art project.

Discuss Telling History of Cedarburg through Sculptures; and Action Thereon

Tabled for a future meeting

Discuss Utility Boxes Wrapped with Photos of Historic Buildings; and Action Thereon

Council Member Burkart will work with Economic Development Coordinator Sheffield to get a picture and a quote to wrap the utility box by the pool with a historic pool picture.

Discuss Before I Die Wall; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo questioned whether this was appropriate for Cedarburg with our new brand of “Fall in Love.” Blaine Gibson recommended something like “Dear Cedarburg...” wall instead. Economic Development Coordinator Sheffield stated that it would be great to do a wall with the “Fall in Love...” theme. She had seen one in another community that has become a place for tourists to visit and take selfies. Kerry Tharp recommended that we utilize the back of the Cultural Center to put up the wall. The item was tabled for the next meeting so that more information could be put together on the location and how it will be accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Library Art Project; and Action Thereon

Library Director Pierschalla asked the Committee for some ideas in regards to public art in front and side of the library. Currently the grass and plants in those areas are not doing well because they are in an extremely sunny area. She showed the Committee a sample of what another library had done utilizing large letters that had been decorated/painted. Discussion ensued on various options. A recommendation was made to consider using large letters that would be painted at various community events much like when the Committee did the peace pole project at Cedar Creek Park. The goal is to provide some color on the side of the library as well. Discussion ensued in regards to potential art projects/installations. The Committee asked that Director Pierschalla provide some other samples from other libraries. Director Hilvo also asked the Committee to come up with ideas for the next meeting.

Discuss New Public Art Ideas; and Action Thereon - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Burkart, seconded by Lisa Brobst, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl and Sue Schrader excused.

Mikko Hilvo

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