PUBLIC ART COMMISSION September 28, 2017

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A meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Jack Arnett at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Jack Arnett, David Eitel, Sue Schrader, Paul Yank, Kelly

Tharp, Blaine Gibson

Excused: Deb Mortl, Melissa Wraalstad

Also Present: Economic Development Coordinator, Mary Sheffield,

Miriam Yank

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Council Member Arnett 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 David Eitel, seconded by Paul Yank, to approve the April 27, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl and Melissa Wraalstad excused.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Street Piano; and Action Thereon

Council Member Arnett stated a piano placed for the public to use during the warmer months (April Fool's Day – Thanksgiving) would add vibrancy to the historic district. He suggested placing a piano under the front overhang of the Community Gym. The piano would be somewhat protected from inclement weather in that location and could be moved into the gym vestibule, if needed. He has researched pianos on Craig's List and found pianos listed free of charge. The City would need to pick-up a piano and have it tuned. Coordinator Sheffield shared that communities have painted public pianos so they become a piece of visual art, as well as musical. Perhaps students from the high school could paint the piano as a project similar to Peace Poles. Sue Schrader suggested placing another piano on the band shell stage in Cedar Creek Park. Sue Schrader will research other communities to learn how they manage their public pianos. Coordinator Sheffield will check into the cost of piano tuning and follow up with Deb Mortl to see if this would possibly be a project of interest for the students.

Motion made by Paul Yank, seconded by Kelly Tharp, to have the group further research public pianos. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl and Melissa Wraalstad excused. Research will be presented at the October meeting and then the piano concept will be placed on a Landmarks agenda.

Discuss New Public Art Ideas; and Action Thereon

- The Commission asked about the Cedarhenge status. Coordinator Sheffield will request that Director Mikko send an email updating the Commission on the project. The final recommendation has not been voted on by the Commission.
- Coordinator Sheffield asked if anyone saw the metal bison art that was displayed at the Wine and Harvest Festival. Paul Yank shared a photo of the bison.
- David Eitel suggested the group look into rotating art pieces in a certain location in the City. Blaine Gibson stated the Cedarburg Art Museum already does this with sculptures in the front of the museum. Rotating art should be placed on the October agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Paul Yank, seconded by Sue Schrader, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl and Melissa Wraalstad excused.

Mary Sheffield Economic Development Coordinator

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