

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
October 26, 2017**

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UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 5:10 p.m. at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Arnett at 5:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Jack Arnett, David Eitel, Deb Mortl, Melissa Wraalstad, Sue Schrader

Excused: Blaine Gibson, Kerry Tharp, Paul Yank

Also Present: Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield
Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Director Mikko Hilvo

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.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, AND SECRETARY

Dave Eitel nominated Blaine Gibson for Chairperson. Seconded by Sue Schrader. Nomination passed without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson, Kerry Tharp and Paul Yank excused.

Council Member Arnett nominated Melissa Wraalstad for Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by Deb Mortl. Nomination passed without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson, Kerry Tharp and Paul Yank excused.

Melissa Wraalstad nominated Sue Schrader as Secretary. Seconded by Deb Mortl. Nomination passed without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson, Kerry Tharp and Paul Yank excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Arnett, seconded by Sue Schrader, to approve the September 28, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson, Kerry Tharp and Paul Yank excused.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Street Piano; and Action Thereon

Sue Schrader researched street pianos in other communities and how they were managed. She stated that the pianos do need to be tuned, due to the weather elements and most cities accomplished that through tuning sponsorships. Economic Development Coordinator Sheffield

spoke to Ye Old Piano who were excited about the project and said they would tune a street piano for \$90. Various sites were discussed including in front of the Community Gym, the band shell at Cedar Creek Park, and the courtyard at The Settlement. Deb Mortl stated that the high school students would paint it if someone would prime it.

Motion made by Council Member Arnett to try one piano for next year, and evaluate additional pianos after that. Melissa Wraalstad seconded the motion. Council Member Arnett and Director Hilvo will measure the space in front of the gym and determine if the piano will fit. Director Hilvo will present a courtesy consultation about the street piano to the Landmarks Commission. Council Member Arnett stated that he has received three unsolicited offers for pianos.

Discuss New Public Art Ideas; and Action Thereon

Council Member Arnett asked to revisit the idea of the painted electrical boxes. All Members were asked to look for possible locations for painted boxes outside of the Historic District, as the Landmarks Committee vetoed the idea. The final recommendations will be offered to the Artists Guild and high school art students.

Council Member Arnett also recommended public fire pits and swings.

Deb Mortl asked to revisit the idea of a fiberglass or ceramic animal that local artists could paint and then be auctioned off, similar to the sturgeons in Sturgeon Bay, cows in Chicago, etc. Deb Mortl will send Director Hilvo a link to the supplier for the animals/objects. Deb Mortl suggested that Cedarburg could do sheep, tying in with Cedarburg's woolen mill history.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Rotating Art Pieces in a City Location; and Action Thereon

The Committee discussed finding a few concrete pads that would feature rotating art pieces. The Creek Walk was a suggested location, as well as near Paul Yank's house. Council Member Arnett asked that all Committee Members come to the next meeting with placement suggestions.

Discussion on Megalith Stone Circle Art Installation; and Action Thereon

Deb Mortl asked about the status of the Megalith Stone Circle proposal. Director Hilvo distributed a rendering of the Circle and letter from Judith Kervin. This sparked a broader discussion within the Committee regarding the use of the space at the park. The Committee needs to make sure the right piece of art is put into that spot. The Committee is grateful for the thought, time & effort that Judith Kervin put in to her proposal but would like to see other proposals.

Dave Eitel made a motion that the Megalith Stone Circle not be installed on public property at this time. Deb Mortl seconded the motion. Motion carried with Blaine Gibson, Kerry Tharp and Paul Yank excused.

Review and Certify Code of Ethics; and Action Thereon

All Members present reviewed the Code of Ethics.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dave Eitel, seconded by Council Member Arnett, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson, Kerry Tharp and Paul Yank excused.

Sue Schrader
Secretary

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