

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**  
**January 25, 2018**

**PAC20180125-1**  
**UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Wraalstad at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council Member Jack Arnett, David Eitel, Deb Mortl, Sue Schrader, Melissa Wraalstad, Kerry Tharp, Paul Yank

Excused - Blaine Gibson

Also Present - 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Dave Eitel, seconded by Deb Mortl, to approve the November 30, 2017 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson excused.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Update on Street Piano; and Action Thereon**

Council Member Arnett visited two of the three possible donated pianos. The first one, which is in a storage locker, was in pretty good shape, with only one key that doesn't work. The second piano was in beautiful shape and all of the keys work.

Motion made by Kerry Tharp, to use the first piano for the street project as its surfaces are more conducive to art, and determine if the owners of the second piano would donate it to the Community Gym. Dave Eitel seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson excused.

Director Hilvo will sand the piano in the basement of the Community Gym and Deb Mortl will work with her students to paint it. June 1 will be the target to debut the piano outside.

**Update on Art on Electrical Boxes; and Action Thereon**

The electrical box at the pool is ready to be painted. Director Hilvo will discuss with the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board when they meet the week of January 29. Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield wrote a Call for Artists, which will be published in the Cedarburg Artists Guild's February newsletter.

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

The Commission determined that the rotating art piece project would be on hold until the summer. Next steps are fundraising and determining bases for the pieces.

**Discuss Artists Painting Fiberglass or Ceramic Animals for Auction; and Action Thereon**

The Commission is awaiting feedback from Blaine Gibson regarding local retailers/companies feedback on the Painted Sheep project and if they would participate. Council Member Arnett asked the owner of the Stilt House if he would participate and he felt that the sheep was too expensive.

Deb Mortl showed the Commission Sturgeon Bay's Benches by the Bay project. Deb Mortl will do some research and find out how much the benches cost and where they can be purchased.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss New Public Art Ideas; and Action Thereon**

- **Summer of Love/Big Love Ball Project**  
Sue Schrader brought up the idea of Cedarburg's Summer of Love, based around Big Love Balls. Big Love Ball is conceptual art with a function. An inflatable sculpture with one word displayed across its breadth. Various ideas were discussed including placing a Big Love Ball in select, unique location, and then sending out hints as to its whereabouts via social media and the press so the public can take pictures with it and hashtag it. Other ideas included making Cedar Creek Park the Backyard of Love on Friday nights during Summer Sounds, involving local merchants and festivals, a sidewalk chalk contest with Love as the theme and more. The Commission unanimously agreed to pursue the idea and Sue Schrader will put together a Summer of Love Committee.
- **Elm Tree Project; and Action Thereon**  
Director Hilvo asked if anyone knew any artists who would be interested in making a bench out of the old Elm tree that grew in front of City Hall for the past fifty years. Director Hilvo will reach out to Lisa Brobst and/or Jake Knox. Director Hilvo will also write up a Call to Artists and submit it to the Cedarburg Artist Guild.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Paul Yank, seconded by Council Member Arnett, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Blaine Gibson excused.

Sue Schrader  
Secretary

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