

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
March 29, 2018**

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UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Blaine Gibson 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council member Jack Arnett, Deb Mortl, Sue Schrader,  
Melissa Wraalstad, Kerry Tharp, Paul Yank, Blaine Gibson,

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

Excused- Dave Eitel

**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 Paul Yank, seconded by Council Member Arnett, to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dave Eitel excused.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

We have secured two street pianos – one is being stored in the Public Works garage, and the other is now on the stage at the Community Center Gym. The piano at the Public Works garage will be our first “Play Me” piano. Director Hilvo will have the piano primed with blue primer. Deb Mortl brought submitted student art for the piano.

Motion made by Paul Yank, seconded by Deb Mortl, to select the simpler, circular design. The piano is still scheduled to go outside the beginning of June. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dave Eitel excused.

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

Director Hilvo had nothing new to report and continues to look at potential locations.

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

Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield stated that there has been no interest from anyone from the Artist Guild to paint an electrical box and Deb Mortl said no one from the high school would be interested either. This will be deferred indefinitely.

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

Blaine Gibson reported that the Cedarburg Art Museum has interest in a similar project with bulldogs. It was decided that the group will let the Art Museum take the lead on the project, but confer with Deb Mortl. Blaine Gibson will put Heather King in touch with Deb Mortl. There was concern that selling bulldogs could be a tough sell from the back end.

**Discuss Summer of Love Program; and Action Thereon:**

Sue Schrader and Director Hilvo have been meeting with Festivals and the Chamber of Commerce to create a plan for #CedarburgLoves. All of the groups are working together to create this conceptual art movement with core values of inclusion, connection and community. A plan will be presented at the next meeting.

**Discuss Elm Tree Project; and Action Thereon:**

Director Hilvo spoke with Jake Knox who agreed to build two tables and a bench at no cost. The new Mayor's desk will be made out of the elm tree that was removed in front of City Hall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss a Bench Art Program; and Action Thereon**

Deb Mortl spoke with the Sturgeon Bay Chamber of Commerce who sent her their call for artists and stated that their benches were built by the Tech Ed teacher at the high school. Last year they made \$40,000 from the sale of the benches (\$20,000 going to the artist, \$20,000 to the Chamber). Director Hilvo will take the bench program to the Landmarks Committee.

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

Council Member Arnett asked for suggestions regarding the beautification for downtown or the City as a whole.

Melissa Wraalstad announced that the Quilt Museum is working with Cedarburg High School to present "Quilters, The Musical," which will be presented at the Museum from April 20-22.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Blaine Gibson, seconded by Melissa Wraalstad, to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dave Eitel excused.

Sue Schroeder  
Secretary

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