

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
12:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 12:01 P.M. by Chairperson Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call: Members present were Ald. Bacon, Claire Morkin, Stephanie Trenchard, and Margaret Lockwood. Ms. Trenchard participated via Zoom. Laurel Hauser was absent. Also present City Administrator Josh VanLieshout, Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller, Municipal Services Director Mike Barker, and Municipal Services Secretary Patty Quinn.

Adoption of the Agenda: Ms. Trenchard asked that her presentation be viewed prior to the Discussion on the use of budgeted funds. Amended and moved by Ms. Morkin and seconded by Ms. Lockwood, to adopt the agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Approval of minutes from September 30, 2020
5. Public comment on agenda items
6. Self-introduction of board members (2 to 3 minute introduction highlighting your background and goals of being a board member)
7. Discussion on the use of budgeted funds
8. Video presentation – Stephanie Trenchard
9. Discussion of future donations procedures
10. Adjourn

All in favor. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2020: Moved by Ms. Lockwood and seconded by Ms. Morkin, to approve the minutes.

All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment on agenda items: Beth Renstrom, 34 Bluebird Dr., presented possible purchase of a metal art sculpture titled "Woolly" which was created by GB artist, Carl Vanderheyden. The art piece is currently displayed behind Edgewood Orchard Galleries in Fish Creek. She felt this would be a great piece to display permanently on the Ice Age Trail and feels that Woolly would lend to Sturgeon Bay being an Ice Age Trail Community. Ms. Renstrom handed out an outline that included the selling price of the art piece and other suggested installation/display costs and with a discount offered by Edgewood Orchard Galleries and Ms. Renstrom's donation pledges, \$7,000 could be applied to the purchase. The board did show an interest and Ald. Bacon would like this added to the next agenda to start more discussion on "Woolly".

Self-introduction of board members (2 to 3 minute introduction highlighting your background and goals of being a board member): Each member gave a brief history of their artistic backgrounds and what they would like to see the board accomplish. All spoke of the importance of the arts ranging from theatrical festivals, street musicians, historical art (i.e. ships), murals on the walls of buildings, lighting on

certain structures such as the steel bridge, and the overall effect that public art has on the community. Ms. Trenchard presented a short video that included a clip of the “Bean” in Chicago and how that has fostered tourism in that city.

It was, also, mentioned that perhaps the board could get involved in the review of any new building projects in the city, depending on size. Per Administrator VanLieshout, this should be a motion or recommendation to add the Local Arts Board to the Aesthetic Board, but suggested adding this topic to the next agenda for further discussion. Also Ald. Bacon and Ms. Trenchard spoke of a possible message board or blog being created for posting to social media regarding upcoming art events.

Mike Barker talked about how art is different to everyone but realizes its importance and how it needs to reflect well to all taxpayers. Ald. Bacon then expressed that she would like to have the board discuss any new art project ideas any board member might have at each meeting and especially ideas for the Stone Harbor art project.

Discussion on the use of budgeted funds: Ald. Bacon explained how the City budgets \$10,000 annually for art but it is not necessarily spent on art purchases. Ald. Bacon questioned how a “loaned” piece of art could be funded – where would those funds come from. The members referred back to City Administrator VanLieshout for input – he indicated that contractual agreements would need to be in place that cover insurance, installation, maintenance and licensing. The Administrator also said that the accounting for different art projects is not a problem. Mr. VanLieshout shared that government is not good at fundraising and that we should use community foundations for this – it would be best to partner with a foundation and let them handle funds raised, as most people do not want to donate to government. Ald. Bacon will work with the City Administrator to research templates and related documents.

Ald. Bacon wanted to discuss the timeline for an art piece for the westside waterfront project. Mike Barker indicated that construction of the westside waterfront would need to be completed first, which would be around July, 2022. Administrator VanLieshout spoke of other projects such as the Granary restoration and suggested that perhaps the Woolly Mammoth could be placed on the Granary area but it would first have to be reviewed by the City Engineer for safety, etc. The City now needs to create the criteria for evaluating all art projects. Ald. Bacon suggested that Woolly be pursued and it be added to the agenda for next month for further discussion, and that this would need to go before the Parks & Recreation Committee/Board, too.

Discussion of future donations procedures: Ald. Bacon spoke regarding donations and she would like to make sure the board is going down the right path. She indicated that paperwork be gathered and policies should be established and further discussion take place at next month’s meeting.

A motion was made to have the Local Arts Board continue to explore the Woolly Mammoth sculpture from Edgewood Orchard Galleries. Moved by Ms. Morkin and seconded by Ms. Trenchard. All in favor. Carried.

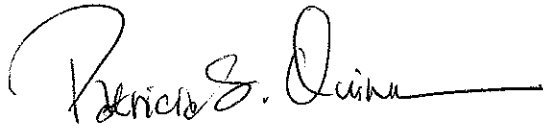
Items for next month’s agenda:

- Director’s Report
- Discussion that Local Arts Board continue to explore the Woolly Mammoth sculpture from Edgewood Orchard Galleries.
- Discussion on the Local Arts Board to work within the Aesthetic Board in possibly reviewing certain new building projects within the City.
- Discussion of future donations procedures and the gathering of paperwork and establishing policies.
- Discussion of any new board member ideas for public art and the placement of art at Stone Harbor.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 12:00 P.M. – City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Lockwood and seconded by Ms. Morkin. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia S. Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Patricia S. Quinn
Municipal Services Secretary