

CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street  
12:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 12:03 P.M. by Chairperson/Ald. Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Ald. Helen Bacon, Laurel Hauser, Stephanie Trenchard and Margaret Lockwood. Claire Morkin was absent. Also present - Director of Municipal Services, Mike Barker, Municipal Services Secretary, Patty Quinn and City Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Miller.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Ms. Hauser and seconded by Ms. Trenchard to adopt the agenda.

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Review of Minutes from January 27, 2021
4. Director's report
5. Public comment on agenda items
6. Discussion that Local Arts Board continue to explore the Woolly Mammoth sculpture from Edgewood Orchard Galleries
7. Discussion on the Local Arts Board to work within the Aesthetic Board in possibly reviewing certain new building projects within the City
8. Discussion of future donations procedures and the gathering of paperwork and establishing policies
9. Discussion of any new board member's ideas for public art and the placement of art at Stone Harbor
10. Consideration to reschedule this meeting to occur two weeks ahead of each Joint Park and Recreation Meeting
11. Adjourn

All in favor. Carried.

**Review of Minutes from January 27, 2021:** Moved by Ms. Lockwood and seconded by Ms. Trenchard, to let minutes stand.

All in favor. Carried.

**Director's report:** Chairperson/Ald. Bacon described the relationships between the Local Arts Board, Parks and Recreation, Finance and the City Common Council and she detailed the need, and the reasons for general rules for meetings. She advised the members that lengthy public comments or presentations need to be scheduled in advance of any meeting. She suggested that they can call her or Mike Barker to discuss prior to any upcoming meeting. The minutes from the Local Arts Board meetings will be included and reviewed by the Joint Parks and Recreation's members, going forward. It was requested that the Joint Parks and Recreation's comments on any Local Arts Board agenda item, be brought back to this group and reported on, each month.

**Public comment on agenda items:** None.

**Discussion that Local Arts Board continue to explore the Woolly Mammoth sculpture from Edgewood Orchard Galleries:** Ald. Bacon opened the discussion on the general process of working towards an art purchase for the City. Ms. Miller from City Hall distributed a memo from City Administrator Josh VanLieshout with his "Public Artwork Review Form" and would like this board to use this form for any proposed art purchases. Each project can be properly evaluated, in a fair and consistent manner, with the use of this form. Ms. Miller needs all the board members to complete the questionnaire with the Woolly Mammoth project and get the form returned to her within two weeks. She will be in charge of compiling these evaluations on all art projects. The members of the committee were asked to complete these, as soon as possible.

Ms. Beth Renstrom, 34 Bluebird Dr., conveyed that she recently met with Pam Seiler, Executive Director of Destination Sturgeon Bay, and they are interested in participating in the Woolly Mammoth project and will be taking the information that Ms. Renstrom provided (pictures, costs, installation estimates, etc.), to their next board meeting. Others showing an interest include Mark Schuster (local retailer), the Ice Age Trail Board, and the DNR/Potawatomi State Park. Ald. Bacon indicated that the City's participation is unknown at this time but there have been many favorable comments from City Hall.

Ms. Chris Kellems, 120 Alabama St., shared that she felt that Woolly is a worthwhile project and she is willing to personally make a financial investment. Ms. Kellems expressed the urgency of the matter and that some sort of monetary commitment be given to Edgewood Orchard Galleries soon, as Woolly is not currently on hold for the City. If the City were to make a deposit, the gallery is willing to store Woolly until installation. Ms. Kellems offered up ideas to make Woolly an event for the community but did indicate that the artist who created Woolly, no longer lives in our area and probably would not be available for any kind of event.

Ald. Bacon reminded the board members to get the evaluation form/questionnaire completed and back to Ms. Miller, on the Woolly project, as soon as possible. Ms. Miller will need to compile the evaluations which will then need to go to the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee/Board, and then onto Common Council. No monetary deposit/commitment can be paid without going through the correct channels. Also, Ald. Bacon let the board know that there may be art projects in the future that will be declined but with using the evaluation form, all considerations will be fair and consistent.

**Discussion on the Local Arts Board to work within the Aesthetic Board in possibly reviewing certain new building projects within the City:** Ald. Bacon expressed that she feels this group is not at a point to be involved in such reviews. Currently, there aren't any openings on the Aesthetic Design and Site Plan Review Board and until the group has more of a structure, and a better idea of their purpose, this involvement will be postponed.

**Discussion of future donations procedures and the gathering of paperwork and establishing policies:** Ald. Bacon commented that the board has a start on this topic and it will take time before everything is in place for establishing donation procedures. Ms. Hauser distributed a print out from the City of Northfield, MN, that is similar to the City of Sturgeon Bay in size, and who collects and displays public works of art. She suggested that all go to this city's website as it contains policies and procedures for procuring art. This could be a good resource to help the Local Arts Board get more established on how to solicit for art donations.

**Discussion of any new board member's ideas for public art and the placement of art at Stone Harbor:** Ms. Lockwood presented pictures of some local artists' creations and feels the board should concentrate on local artists as they would tie into the true art culture of Door County. She, also, provided some verbiage for developing a mission statement and how it can foster the arts to tell stories about our community and our county. Because of budget constraints, the committee should look at getting artists to loan their artwork to the City. Ms. Lockwood shared more about her own experiences when working with

the Village of Egg Harbor. They were successful in obtaining loaned artwork for the Village and she spoke on all the benefits back to the artists and galleries and how they can gain a lot of recognition. Ms. Lockwood mentioned that typically, artists agreed to loan artwork to the Village for a five-year term. It was discussed that all would like to work on a communique to send to various local artists on loaning their creations and would send the right kind of message on behalf of the City. The group agreed to contact the Wisconsin Arts Board for information on what they may be able to do.

**Consideration to reschedule this meeting to occur two weeks ahead of each Joint Park and Recreation Meeting:** Ald. Bacon explained the benefits in changing the date of this monthly meeting so that info/requests can flow up to the Joint Parks and Recreation group more quickly. Future meetings would be held on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at noon. Moved by Ms. Hauser and seconded by Ms. Trenchard.

All in favor. Carried.

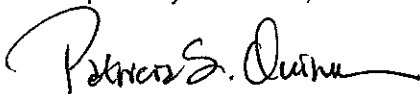
**Items for next month's agenda:**

- Discussion and possible presentation by Brian Kelsey of the Wisconsin Arts Board.
- Discussion on the drafting of a communique to send to local artists to solicit for artwork that would on loan to the City of Sturgeon Bay, for a five-year period.
- Tentative discussion of the possible donation of a metal art sculpture by the Maritime Museum to the City.
- Discussion of any board member's new idea(s) for public art and the placement of art at Stone Harbor.

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 12:00 P.M. – Council Chambers, City Hall.**

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Trenchard and seconded by Ms. Hauser. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Quinn  
Municipal Services Secretary