

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street
12:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 12:04 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, Margaret Lockwood and Claire Morkin. Also present – City Administrator, Josh VanLieshout, 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 February 24, 2021
4. Chair's report
5. Public comment on agenda items
6. Report on Wisconsin Arts Board
7. Discussion on the drafting of a communique to send to local artists to solicit them for artwork that would be on loan to the City of Sturgeon Bay, for a five-year period
8. Discussion of the possible donation of a metal art sculpture by the Maritime Museum to the City
9. Discussion of any board member's new ideas for public art and the placement of art at Stone Harbor
10. Adjourn

All in favor. Carried.

Review of Minutes from February 24, 2021: Moved by Ms. Trenchard and seconded by Ms. Hauser to let minutes stand.

All in favor. Carried.

Chair's report: Chairperson/Ald. Bacon had talked with a Mr. Kevin Quinn about a kiosk for the Ice Age Trail. Similar kiosks as described to him by Ald. Bacon, are used throughout but it's important that the kiosk be located near the trail. Also, Beth Renstrom had spoken to Carl Vanderheyden, the artist who created the "Woolly Mammoth" sculpture. The artist would allow the City to use images of Woolly in any capacity, as well as being able to soften/flatten any sharp edges on the structure, but the City would need to find someone capable of doing this if the sculpture is purchased.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Report on Wisconsin Arts Board: Brian Kelsey, local representative from the Wisconsin Arts Board, can arrange a Zoom conference call (scheduling to be determined) to give the committee members ideas on obtaining funds and grants. Karen Goeschko, from the Wisconsin Arts Board, would also help – she is their Creative Community Liaison and is experienced in all forms of art.

Discussion on the drafting of a communique to send to local artists to solicit them for artwork that would be on loan to the City of Sturgeon Bay, for a five-year period: There was much discussion between committee members on the need for a "roadmap" that would easily guide someone through all the phases of art procurement, whether purchased or on loan. Examples of such roadmaps from other municipalities were distributed for all to study closely. Once a roadmap is developed, a communique or a "call for artists" can evolve. Some topics to keep in mind are: intentionality and the choice of artists (age, local or regional).

Ms. Hauser conveyed the need to redo the original organizational charter document, prepared in March of 2019, to better fit the current structure of the committee.

Discussion of the possible donation of a metal art sculpture by the Maritime Museum to the City:

Ms. Lockwood and others have talked to the Maritime Museum and they have no intentions of using "Celestial Sailor", a metal sculpture created by artist Dan Bresnahan, and it remains in storage. Ideas on where to place this art piece were discussed. It was suggested that the committee obtain measurements and photos of the sculpture so that it can be properly evaluated and discussed in future meetings.

Discussion of any new board member's ideas for public art and the placement of art at Stone Harbor:

Ms. Lockwood expressed her desire to loan a piece of art that she currently has at her gallery, to the City for at least 5 years. She feels it would fit very well at the Stone Harbor location. Other board members made suggestions in obtaining art in various ways but it was mentioned that the City will need contractual agreements completed before moving forward on any project.

Administrative Assistant, Ms. Miller, advised the board that she is still in need of all the evaluation questionnaires for the Woolly Mammoth project. She also delivered to all the committee members, an additional evaluation form for the "Celestial Sailor" sculpture which possibly could be donated by the Maritime Museum, to the City. She is currently working on a donation agreement and a contract for loaned artwork and those drafts will have to go to the City attorney first, for approval.

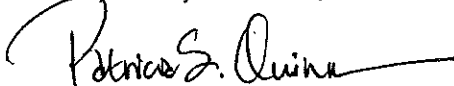
Items for next month's agenda:

- Discussion on a revision of the Local Arts Board's organizational document originally dated March 3, 2019, to better address the current structure of the committee, and its direction/duties.
- Discussion on the drafting of a cultural roadmap for the board that would be applicable to what this group is doing, using other municipalities' guidelines as resources.
- Discussion of any board member's new idea(s) for public art and the placement of art at Stone Harbor.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 12:00 P.M. – Council Chambers, City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Bacon and seconded by Ms. Morkin. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia S. Quinn
Municipal Services Secretary