



AMENDED

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 11th, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 09:12AM., by Chairperson/Alder Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call [1]: Members present were Alder Helen Bacon, Claire Morkin, Stephanie Trenchard and Margaret Lockwood. melaniejane was excused. City Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller was also in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda [2]: Moved by Trenchard and seconded by Lockwood to adopt the following agenda.

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Review of Minutes from December 14th, 2022
4. Public comment on agenda items.
5. Chair's report.
6. Consideration of accepting donation of sturgeon sculptures from Destination Sturgeon Bay
7. Discussion of coordination/design of Sculpture walk.
8. Discussion of Local Arts Board page on City's website.
9. Adjourn.

All in favor. Carried.

Review of Minutes from December 14th, 2022 [3]: No corrections or changes were requested.

Public comment on agenda items [4]: No public comments.

Chair's report [5]: Chair Bacon spoke on the following items: 1) Believes the Board needs to direct focus on the written and spoken word. Shared the 2023 Door County Library's Big Read is *Raft of Stars* by A. J. Graff and stated the program is a plus in the community. 2) Announced she, Moira Harrington (Wisconsin Sea Grant), and artist William Plautus, met via Zoom to discuss the Plautus's submission for the WI Sea Grant 50th Anniversary Mural call for artists. Plautus and Harrington will be coming to Sturgeon Bay to meet in person and tour potential sites for installation. 3) The Recommendation to accept Nathan Hatch's sculpture *Horizon* on loan was considered by the Joint Parks and Recreation Board/Committee at their December meeting. Though the piece was too abstract for some members, the Board voted to accept the piece with one member voting against. Parks and Recreation Board/Committee wishes to approve placement. Local Arts Board discussed the importance of involving the artist in placement decisions. Nathan Hatch and Barker will meet to discuss placement 4) Regarding artist Steven Haas's sculpture *Crosswind Approach*, whose loan period ends in 2023, there are questions that must be addressed such as will the piece be purchased and if so will it be moved as the current site was meant for a rotation of art pieces. Board member melaniejane has spoken with Michelle Zjala Winter (artist's life partner/ Green Bay, WI) regarding the status of the possibility it may be purchased for donation to the City.

Consideration of accepting donation of sturgeon sculptures from Destination Sturgeon Bay [6]: Discussion among Board members included 1) it is unknown as to how long the sculptures will last when installed out of doors 2) placement of the two pieces in relation to each other and the site must be carefully considered 3) The pieces need sealing/polyurethane and some repair. It may be possible for Municipal Services to perform this work. 4) Displaying the pieces rather than leaving them in storage is respectful of the community supported event through which they were

created, Destination Sturgeon Bay, the sponsor, and the artist. The Board also discussed possible locations for installation of the pieces: 1) Fish hatchery area near Bradley Lake in Sunset Park 2) on or near the grassy mounds on the West Waterfront Promenade near Locust Street. The Board expressed their desire to be invited if there is a meeting regarding placement of the sculptures. Motion to accept the donation of two sturgeon sculptures from Destination Sturgeon Bay was made by Lockwood with second by Trenchard.


Discussion of coordination/design of Sculpture walk [7]: Chair Bacon reported Destination Sturgeon Bay states their #1 request is for walking tours/maps and states there is a possibility for them to obtain a Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant to finance development of such tours. Also, Bacon again described Jacob Janssen's (Third Avenue Playworks) interest in developing audio to tell stories about the art pieces/narrate the walk. The Board discussed developing walks focused on 1) Historic Sturgeon Bay 2) Third Avenue 3) Sculpture 4) Public Art and 5) Murals. It was decided a meeting involving Destination Sturgeon Bay, Third Avenue Playworks, Door County Maritime Museum, Door County Historical Society, Miller Art Museum, and representatives of the Local Arts Board should be scheduled to start the planning. Bacon will contact the different entities and schedule a meeting.

Discussion of Local Arts Board page on City's website [8]: Item postponed until board member melaniejane is able to attend the meeting.

Motion to adjourn [9]: by Trenchard with second by Morkin. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00A.M.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 8th @ 09:00 A.M. – Council Chambers, City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzanne Miller