

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 09:03AM., by Chairperson/Alder Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll Call [1]: Members present were Alder Helen Bacon, melaniejane, Stephanie Trenchard and Margaret Lockwood. Claire Morkin was excused. City Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller and Planning/Zoning Administrator Stephanie Servia were 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 January 11, 2023
 4. Public comment on agenda items.
 5. Chair's report.
 6. Report on meeting with artist Steven Haas re: donation of Crosswind Approach and replacement piece for rotating art display space on East Waterfront Promenade.
 7. Discussion regarding Local Art Board webpage and specific content for Public Art section
 8. Adjourn.
- All in favor. Carried.

Review of Minutes from January 11th, 2023 [3]: Agenda item #5, Chair's report: 1. Change Michelle White to Michelle Winter 2. Change Winter's relationship to the artist from daughter to life partner.

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

Chair's report [5]: Chair Bacon:

- a. Introduced City Planning/Zoning Administrator to the Board members. Servia discussed her education, interest in the arts, and position with the City and how she may be able to assist the Board.
- b. Described artist William Plautus's visit to the city and tour of Sunset Park to consider locations for his mural (cartoon-like fish positioned in the ships that are wrecked near Bullhead Point) that is being sponsored by WI Sea Grant from the remainder of their 50th Anniversary Mural funds. The proposed plan is to mount the mural on the side of the shelter building to keep it from being blown over by the strong winds that come off the Bay.
- c. Announced the volunteers for the "Walkable Sturgeon Bay" planning group. They are group leader Cameryn Ehlers-Kwaterski (Destination Sturgeon Bay), Helen Bacon (City Local Arts Board), Steven Rice (Door County Library), Dennis Statz (City Alderman/involved with historic districts), Jacob Janssen (Third Avenue Playworks), and Marie Kimball (Miller Art Museum). Ehlers-Kwaterski is investigating the possibility of obtaining a Joint Effort Marketing Grant through a WI state program for funding for the project.

Report on meeting with artist Steven Haas re: donation of *Crosswind Approach* and replacement piece for rotating art display space on East Waterfront Promenade. [6]: Artist Haas has offered to extend the loan agreement for *Crosswind Approach* so as to keep it in its current location on the East Waterfront Promenade until the funds are raised to purchase it and a permanent placement in the city is found. It was discussed that the fundraising letter make clear that *Crosswind Approach* will be moving to a new, permanent location (perhaps in Sunset Park,

perhaps in the Steel Bridge Creative District). The Board did not have a preference as to whether the fundraising effort was run through the Steel Bridge Creative Foundation or Destination Sturgeon Bay. Haas has also offered to loan a replacement piece when *Crosswind Approach* is relocated. It was the opinion of the Board to accept Haas's offer to extend the loan agreement for *Crosswind Approach* and issue a Call for Artists for the City's Rotating Sculpture Loan Program to identify new pieces, perhaps by different artists, for the display space on the East Waterfront Promenade. Miller will provide a draft Call for Artists for the next meeting. The Board also voiced a desire to be included in the placement process when the City installs new pieces. It was also discussed that *The Pulse* be contacted to see if they would be agreeable to publishing an article on the efforts of the Board and inviting them to attend the Board's meeting in May.


Discussion regarding Local Art Board webpage and specific content for Public Art section [7]: Miller is compiling materials for the Directory of Public Art for the webpage on the City's website and Servia is developing the associated map. In addition to the sculptures and murals in the handout provided, the Board suggested including the woodcarving (cello/double bass with owl) in Martin Park, the inflated steel armchairs by Robert Anderson in front of SOMI gallery (45 S. 3rd Ave.), the painted steel zoo animals and sturgeon woodcarving at the private residence at 221 Louisiana Street, and the eagle and nest at the private residence at 742 Jefferson St. (7th & Jefferson).

Items for the next agenda: 1. Discussion regarding increasing the number of members on the Local Arts Board. 2. Discussion and approval of art works to be included on the Public Art Directory and Map for the Public Art webpage on the City's website. 3. Discussion of draft Call for Artists for Rotating Sculpture Loan Program.

Motion to adjourn [8]: by melaniejane with second by Trenchard. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10A.M.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12th @ 09:00 A.M. – Council Chambers, City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzanne Miller