

CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street  
8:30 A.M.

A meeting of the Local Arts Board was called to order at 8:31 A.M., by Chairperson/Ald. Helen Bacon in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

**Roll Call:** Members present were Ald. Helen Bacon, Stephanie Trenchard, Claire Morkin and melaniejane. Margaret Lockwood was excused. Claire Morkin arrived at 8:37 A.M. Also present were Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller who arrived at 8:45 A.M., and Municipal Services Secretary Patty Quinn.

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

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Review of Minutes from March 9, 2022
4. Chair's report
5. Public comment on agenda items
6. Update with Cathy Grier regarding Butch's Bar fencing
7. Discussion on budgeting and paying stipends to artists
8. Discussion on planning a possible mural event/festival
9. Rescheduling the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting
10. Adjourn

All in favor. Carried.

**Review of Minutes from March 9, 2022:** No comments.

**Chair's report:** An update was provided on the Wisconsin Sea Grant mural. A call to artists was emailed out and posted on social media and the last day for an artist to submit their application is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A review and selection committee will be meeting the end of May – several of the LAB members are interested in being a part of this Sea Grant committee.

The members discussed planning a public dedication for the Woolly Mammoth metal art sculpture. Ald. Bacon is waiting to hear back from Destination Sturgeon Bay and is gathering info on plaques for the Bay View Park site.

An update was given on the Fincantieri/3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue beautification project and ordinances surrounding the work scheduled to be done. The old Red Oak Building area is on target to be completed in the spring of 2022 with other areas getting cleaned up soon thereafter.

Members spoke on setting up a standard/pre-written "call to artists/call to creativity" to use when needed.

**Public comment on agenda items:** The public was not present for any comments.

**Update with Cathy Grier regarding Butch's Bar fencing:** It was reported that the Butch's Bar site is about to be cleaned up and leveled and will become an unfenced grassy lot once filled in. It most likely will go up for sale. Ms. Grier suggested that stakes and banners with art could easily be put up at the property after the clean-up is complete. If a grassy lot, the City could possibly put a picnic table there and if the property is sold, artwork could be moved to a City park. Ms. Grier will be contacting the current owner of the property to see if they would be agreeable to putting any art and/or picnic table on the site.

**Discussion on budgeting and paying stipends to artists:** Ald. Bacon suggested that a formal budget be established for the Local Arts Board and that budget discussions will start late summer. Currently, funds are being taken from other areas such as parks and other general funds. Members spoke on the \$20,000 in funds set aside which is not a part of any budget and is being saved for a larger project such as financing a traveling art exhibit. If a budget is created, it would not be available to use until 2023 so grant money, miscellaneous City funds and donations would be used in the interim. Once a budget is available and after it is approved by Common Council, stipends could then be paid. The board felt that any initial budget would be working money needed for housekeeping items/operating expenses. More research will be done to see how other municipalities are set up to do this.

The members talked about what amount they would like to see become the City's standard stipend dollar payment. \$750 was suggested and all agreed on this number. Stipends shouldn't be retroactive and the group needs to create a list of possible payees and reasons for a stipend such as art, poet laureate, any art promotion. Ms. melaniejane suggested that it merely read "any art project that the City is working with for public art display".

Further conversation created two items to be added to next month's meeting agenda:

- Consideration for approval to pay \$750 in stipends to artists with art on loan to the city; and
- Consideration for approval to pay a \$750 stipend to artist Steven Haas for "Crosswind Approach".

**Discussion on planning a possible mural event/festival:** Ms. Erin LaBonte from Yonder Gallery and Studio, Algoma, joined the meeting to speak on a project she is working on with those that are collaborating on the Granary. She has been hired by a private donor to help celebrate the Granary with designing a mural for a wall near the Granary site, that would have a combined theme of the waterways, the Granary, and maybe past and present City history. Ms. LaBonte has had talks with one business owner on the West side whose outside wall of his building would be perfect for such a mural.

Ms. LaBonte described the kinds of projects she normally does and distributed a printout of several other projects she designed in other municipalities which consisted of a paint-by-number design which the community can participate in and help in painting the murals. She asked the board for any ideas on other walls near the Granary that are flat and suitable for painting.

**Rescheduling the June 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** The June meeting originally scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> will be changed to June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M. Summer-time meetings will be from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. due to the board's busy schedules that time of year.

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

- Discussion on planning a possible mural event/festival with artist Claire Erickson.
- Discussion on a call for artists in Green Bay
- Consideration for approval to pay \$750 in stipends to artists with art on loan to the city; and
- Consideration for approval to pay a \$750 stipend to artist Steven Haas for "Crosswind Approach".

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 8:30 A.M. – Council Chambers, City Hall.**

Motion to adjourn by Ms. melaniejane and seconded by Ms. Trenchard. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 A.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 flourish extending to the right.

Patricia S. Quinn