



MINUTES
CITY OF STURGEON BAY
LOCAL ARTS BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 15, 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, Margaret Lockwood and melaniejane. Also present – City Planner/Zoning Administrator Christopher Sullivan-Robinson, Director of Municipal Services Mike Barker, City Administrative Assistant Suzanne Miller, and Municipal Services Secretary Patty Quinn.

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

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Discussion with City Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan-Robinson on murals, signs and related art placement
4. Review of Minutes from May 11, 2022
5. Public comment on agenda items
6. Chair's report
7. Discussion and update on the Wisconsin Sea Grant mural
8. Adjourn

All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion with City Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan-Robinson on murals, signs and related art placement: Mr. Sullivan-Robinson detailed out the City's sign code and how requests are submitted for sign placement within the City, with further details on the square footage of signs, and which committee(s) must approve those requests prior to any possible final approval by Mr. Sullivan-Robinson. Mural requests currently have no rules or ordinances, and there's no need for approvals and permits. Mr. Sullivan-Robinson explained a true mural, with no aspects of signage, would not require City approval for content. He then went on to answer questions from the board and provided clarifications on current ordinances and the City's definition of a sign versus a mural and how they may be sized in relation to the wall on which they are painted.

It was suggested that the board write a mission statement on how to approach handling requests for murals to include content/subject matter.

Review of Minutes from May 11, 2022: No comments.

Public comment on agenda items: No public comments.

Chair's report: The dedications at Graham Park and Woolly Mammoth were well attended and the City is thinking ahead to the Wisconsin Sea Grant mural dedication to possibly be held in August. The Nathan Hatch sculpture called "Horizon" was discussed along with possible locations for installation. Mr. Barker answered questions related to whether sculpture can be placed on the railroad spur and he requested dimensions of the Hatch piece.

Discussion and update on the Wisconsin Sea Grant mural: Artist was chosen by Sea Grant representatives and notified. Press release will be held until University of Wisconsin purchasing/approval process is complete. The Board recommended the Sea Grant organization be asked to keep the mural panels (2-4x8ft. panels) on display for 2 years before moving it to its next display site. Ms. Bacon stated the panels may be ready for hanging by the end of August 2022 and a Meet & Greet with the Artist/Celebration/Ribbon Cutting held in September 2022. Fundraising for a second mural that was evaluated during the Sea Grant process may be possible but must be conducted outside the Sea Grant organization.

Possible Items for next month's agenda:

- Discussion of whether to approach Nathan Hatch regarding "Horizon" being a part the sculpture loan program.
- Discussion of an "Action Plan" for the next mural. – can be postponed to later meeting.
- Sea Grant mural update.
- Poet Laureate "Action Plan" – can be postponed to later meeting.
- Discussion of Local Arts Board website
- Discussion of signage for art pieces


melaniejane requested action be taken to move forward with a website for the Local Arts Board, assuming that is something the Board still intends to make part of its program, as it has been discussed a couple times. melaniejane again offered to coordinate the effort. Ms. Miller reported she spoke with City Clerk Stephanie Reinhardt, who oversees the City's website, and Ms. Reinhardt offered a page within the City's website on the order of what the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board currently offers. melaniejane explained she needs to speak/connect with someone from the City to see what platform is being used and listed examples of steps that must be taken prior to going live. For the sake of efficiency, the Board agreed melaniejane would meet with Reinhardt one-on-one before the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 @ 8:30 A.M. – Council Chambers, City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Trenchard and seconded by Ms. Lockwood.

All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzanne Miller