

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
January 26, 2017**

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UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Christon at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council Member Jack Arnett, Paul Yank, Melissa Wraalstad, Deb Mortl, Chris Christon, Jeanette Gabrys

Excused - Deb Mortl, Sue Schrader, Dave Eitel

Also Present - Marion Yank, Economic Development Coordinator Mary Sheffield, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Mikko Hilvo, Jane Hamilton

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Mikko Hilvo acknowledged that the agenda for this meeting was posted and distributed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Paul Yank, seconded by Melissa Wraalstad, to approve the October 27, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl, Sue Schrader and Dave Eitel excused.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS - None

PRESENTATION

Public Art Project Presentation by Judith Kervin

Judith Kervin presented her arts background and then passed out packets of information detailing her proposed art concept. Judith Kervin presented the idea of a stone sculpture replicating one arch of Stonehenge, using limestone, and representing the past and the area's history with limestone, as well as preservation and future challenges. She envisions it being a gathering place, tourist draw, point of discussion, and opportunity for education. Judith Kervin stated it would be a conceptual piece intended to raise Cedarburg's profile as an arts destination and would require a committee of artists, skilled craftspeople, and community members to create.

Judith Kervin presented three options for construction:

1. Full-sized replica of a single arch of the neo-lithic Stonehenge structure, constructed out of limestone.
2. Replicated arch with simulated stone.
3. Arch with same dimensions as Stonehenge arch but using natural, Cedarburg materials like stone, wood, and mortar to create "Cedarhenge."

Melissa Wraalstad stated she likes option one with the real limestone best. Paul Yank agreed. Paul Yank questioned how Ms. Kervin planned to get one side roughed as indicated. Ms. Kervin said she has a stone worker potentially interested in helping.

Director Hilvo asked about locations and suggested the future Council Circle in Adlai Horn Park as a potential location. Ms. Kervin said Cedar Creek Park was her first choice. Melissa Wraalstad pointed out that Cedar Creek Park is already quite full. Council Member Arnett said he loves the idea but would like to see a more prominent downtown location, closer to Cedar Creek. Coordinator Sheffield commented that a Cedar Creek destination would be near the new History Museum and great for photo opportunities.

Several questions were asked about funding and costs. Ms. Kervin said she is pursuing costs and waiting for estimates. Chris Christon said she thinks school PTAs could be interested. Grant funding, sponsorships, and individual donations were also discussed.

Council Member Arnett moved that the Public Art Commission endorse the Stonehenge art concept and ask for additional information and future development. Motion was seconded by Chris Christon. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl, Sue Schrader and Dave Eitel excused.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Art on Electrical Boxes; and Action Thereon

Coordinator Sheffield presented a draft of the form for artists interested in painting the test electrical box. Council Member Arnett questioned using such a prominent box as the test. Melissa Wraalstad pointed out that it is a metal box now and not a historic element. Chris Christon said if there is a negative reaction, the box could be painted green again. Coordinator Sheffield said the location could attract more artists because it is more prominent. Council Member Arnett suggested taking the concept to the Landmarks Commission for approval. Director Hilvo agreed and said he would ask for it to be on the next agenda and he would work to get a sponsor for it, pending Landmark's approval. Director Hilvo encouraged all of the Public Art Commission members to attend the Landmarks Commission meeting to lend support for the idea.

Discuss New Public Art Ideas; and Action Thereon

1. Art on garbage cans was discussed as a possible idea. No action was taken.
2. Using a jail cell door that the Cedarburg Police Department has was discussed. The idea is to create an artwork out of the door and display it in the Police Department lobby. Coordinator Sheffield suggested the History Museum might be interested in the door. Director Hilvo requested that the names of anyone who may have an interest in the project be given to him.
3. Alley art was discussed. This is art painted or hung along the walls of alleys. The alley between Amy's Candy Kitchen and the Cedarburg Toy Company, as well as the alley near the Cultural Center were discussed as possible locations. Council Member Arnett pointed out that a mounting system of some kind would be needed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Paul Yank, seconded by Council Member Arnett, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Deb Mortl, Sue Schrader and Dave Eitel excused.

Melissa Wraalstad
Secretary

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