

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
August 29, 2019**

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UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Public Art Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2.

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Wraalstad at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Melissa Wraalstad, Deb Mortl, Judith Kervin, Sue Schrader, Paul Yank, Blaine Gibson, Lisa Brobst

Excused – Council Member Sherry Bublitz, Kerry Tharp

Also Present - Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Mikko Hilvo, Mary Sheffield

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Director 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 Sue Schrader, seconded by Judith Kervin, to approve the June 27, 2019 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Sherry Bublitz and Kerry Tharp excused.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY; AND ACTION THEREON**

Melissa Wraalstad: Chairperson – Motion made by Sue Schrader, seconded by Deb Mortl, to approve Melissa Wraalstad as Chairperson.

Blaine Gibson: Vice-Chairperson – Motion made by Deb Mortl, seconded by Lisa Brobst, to approve Blaine Gibson as Vice-Chairperson.

Sue Schrader: Secretary – Motion made by Blaine Gibson, seconded by Deb Mortl, to approve Sue Schrader as Secretary.

Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Bublitz and Kerry Tharp excused.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Library Art Project; and Action Thereon**

Deb Mortl reported that there was nothing new to report and that the Commission needs Cedarburg Public Library Director Linda Pierschalla's guidance to proceed with any action or assistance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss Involvement with Cedarburg Artist Guild's Gallery Night in 2020; and Action Thereon**

Judith Kervin reported that Jim McDonald didn't get very far with this idea because he wanted it to happen in May which is when Plein Air takes place. He has left the Artists Guild and no one at the Guild wants to run it. Conversation ensued about having the Public Art Commission take it over, and consider May 1 or 15. A trolley was recommended and Melissa Wraalstad stated that it would be good to check the Cedarburg Cultural Center's interest in the event. Sue Schrader suggested having busking at the event. Director Hilvo and Mary Sheffield will send out an email to gauge interest and narrow down a date and details for the next meeting.

**Consider Placement of Community Mural; and Action Thereon**

Judith Kervin stated that the Community Mural that was created in June at Summer Sounds is heavy and in three sections. It cannot be kept outside. Judith Kervin and Director Hilvo will look at the possibility of displaying it on the Community Gym wall.

**Discuss Incorporating Branding Campaign into Public Art; and Action Thereon**

Director Hilvo spoke with Rebellion Brewery regarding the location of the wall near the waterfall and they stated that they were thinking about painting an American flag in that location. Other locations that were suggested for possible mural art included the walkway near Rachel's Roses, the wall at the Settlement, and the side of the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Director Hilvo will begin conversations with Jim Pape regarding the Settlement Wall.

**Discuss New Public Art Ideas; and Action Thereon**

**Painted park garbage cans**

Sue Schrader brought up the idea of painting the blue garbage cans at Cedar Creek Park. The Commission thought it was an interesting idea and they could try to work on that next summer.

**Chat benches**

Another idea brought to the meeting was to designate a few public benches as "chat benches." Sue Schrader explained that they are a way for individuals who feel lonely to socialize with strangers. The sign would read, "Sit Here If You Don't Mind Someone Stopping By To Say Hello." Director Hilvo said it would be easy to place a laminated sign on a bench.

**Public art to promote recycling**

Sue Schrader suggested a large-scale sculpture to promote recycling at Cedar Creek Park. She explained that the goal of the project would be to find an artist who would create a sculpture that would be a functioning piece of art and would hold empty soda, water, beer and wine bottles to

showcase recycling efforts during the summer at the park. Director Hilvo said that if they were to do this they would have to figure out the logistics of how they would maintain and keep the sculpture clean.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Lisa Brobst, seconded by Deb Mortl, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Kerry Tharp and Council Member Sherry Bublitz excused.

Sue Schrader  
Secretary

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