

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2012

Chair Erin Blum called the Public Arts Board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Public Arts Board members present: Erin Blum, Robert Wagner, Mary Mendla, Jay Batista, Paula Christensen, and Trustee Dave Antoine

Absent: Joan Warwick

Staff/Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland and Administrative Assistant Rachel Reiss

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

MINUTES

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Jay Batista, to approve the April 9, 2012 Public Arts Board meeting minutes, as presented. Approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF 2012 - 2013 BOARD CHAIR

Administrator Hofland stated the Public Arts Board is structured to annually designate a Board Chair.

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Mary Mendla, to nominate Erin Blum as Chair for the Public Arts. Board. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Paula Christensen, seconded by Dave Antoine, to appoint Robert Wagner as Vice-Chair for the Public Arts Board. Approved unanimously.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The Board had no changes to the 2011 Annual Report. The Board thanked Administrator Hofland for compiling the information.

FUNDING UPDATE

The Board briefly reviewed the funding update.

Erin Blum questioned if the Board could designate what the funds collected could be used for. Mr. Hofland said the Board can designate funding for projects.

DISCUSSION RELATING TO CREATION OF SECTION 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND PUBLIC ARTS BOARD

Administrator Hofland reviewed the background of the creation of the 501(c)(3). Due to the resignation of a member of both the Historic Preservation Commission and Public Arts Board, it has been challenging to proceed.

Erin Blum requested the Board vote to stay with the Village.

Dave Antoine stated the combination of Historic Preservation and Public Arts Board was a good idea; however, the timing was not right.

Administrator Hofland stated some of the benefits of combining the two groups:

1. Donations could be tax deductible
2. Grant opportunities increase as a 501(c)(3)
3. More people to work on larger projects

The Board agreed that there may be future possibilities for designating a 501(c)(3) status.

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Jay Batista, to rescind the motion from July 11, 2011 of combining with the Historic Preservation Commission and the Public Arts Board and create a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 Poetry Path Update

Administrator Hofland stated the poems are being stamped in the next week or two. There may be a photo opportunity for the Public Arts Board.

Erin Blum suggested a map be available of the poem sites. It was suggested that the Chamber distribute the map.

Paula Christensen suggested a poster be created. Mrs. Christensen offered to design the poster.

There was a consensus of the Board to have posters made. A map and brochure of the project may be completed in the future.

Little Free Libraries Update

Erin Blum informed the Board the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops have been informed of the Little Free Libraries program. There has been interest in a Boy Scout using the program for an Eagle Scout project.

Administrator Hofland stated there have been five requests to build libraries. Unfortunately, no one has volunteered to be a steward.

It was suggested that local businesses may want to steward a library. Administrator Hofland stated he would make an announcement at an upcoming South Commercial District meeting.

2012 Guitar Art Update

Administrator Hofland stated he made initial contacts with many businesses in the Village. Four of the eight guitars have been sponsored for one year. Each of the businesses that have been contacted has received a digital photo of each guitar that are available for sponsorship..

The Board divided up the list of businesses to follow-up with to obtain the remaining sponsorships.

Administrator Hofland stated he had spoke with the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Blues Association about possibly auctioning or raffling the extra two guitars. Both venues have great possibilities.

It was a consensus of the Board to work with the Grafton Blues Association to raffle off both guitars. The artists will receive 50 percent of the profit up to \$500.

Dave Antoine suggested an advertisement be placed in the GALA booklet to promote the raffle.

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting date – June 11, 2012

The Board would like all future packets sent via e-mail.

Discussion of 2013 Public Art Project

Several ideas for the 2013 Public Art Project were discussed:

1. Benches near the Little Free Libraries
2. Painted murals or mosaic art on the side of downtown buildings
3. Planned graffiti art
4. Promoting live theater

These ideas will be discussed further at the June meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Jay Batista, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Approved unanimously.