

**VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**

**PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 13, 2012**

Member Robert Wagner called the Public Arts Board meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. due to the absence of Chair Erin Blum.

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

Absent: Erin Blum

Staff / Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland, Executive Utility Director / Village Engineer Dave Murphy, and Deputy Clerk Lisa Oppeneer

**HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

None.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Jay Batista, seconded by Dave Antoine, to approve the July 9, 2012 Public Arts Board meeting minutes, as presented.  
Approved unanimously.

**BRIDGE STREET DAM LIGHTING – ART IN MOTION**

Robert Wagner informed the Board the possible lighting of the Bridge Street dam is only a concept at this time and required further discussion by the Public Arts Board. An estimate of the lighting costs range from \$36,000 to \$70,000.

Director Murphy questioned what type of lighting is being considered for the project.

Mr. Wagner stated the quotes that have been received so far are for under water lighting.

Jay Batista commented at this time we are only in the design phase and need to receive engineering and design costs.

Mr. Wagner stated lighting could also be done under the lip of the dam rather than do under water lighting. LED lighting would be used for the project and would be placed on a timer. LED lighting life is approximately 50,000 plus hours of usage.

Director Murphy commented he thinks the best option would be to put the lighting under the lip of the deck on the dam. Also, it would most likely require the least

amount of maintenance. If there were to be a flood, this area is less likely to flood.

Mr. Wagner commented he believes these are decisions for the engineering firm.

Administrator Hofland questioned if the lighting on the deck would be puck sized lights and how much spacing would be in between each light.

Mr. Wagner commented at this time there are no specific details. We are looking for a vision of the dam lighting.

Mr. Murphy stated that currently electricity runs through this area for the lights on the riverwalk. With the upcoming construction on the dam, bidding will be going out in January, demolition will occur on the sidewalks where the conduit is located. That would be a good time to have the new conduit for the dam lighting installed.

Dave Antoine suggested that the color “cool white” be used for the lighting, to coincide with the other lighting downtown.

Mr. Wagner commented choosing “cool white” would help reduce cost.

Director Murphy commented if rope lighting under the lip of the dam is chosen then it would not be necessary to have a timer. If flood lighting is chosen, than a timer would be necessary.

Bill Hass, 1226 Water Terrace, circulated pictures of dam lighting he had found online and believes if done right, it can look very appealing.

Sue Hass, 1226 Water Terrace, commented the lighting on the poles at the riverwalk are white color, and look nice and warm. With LED technology we could use numerous lighting variations and for holidays different colored lighting could be used.

Mary Mendla questioned if there has been any wildlife studies completed regarding the effect of lighting on the water.

Mr. Wagner commented he is not aware of any studies being completed at this time.

It was the consensus of the Public Arts Board to place lighting under the lip of the deck, install lights with multicolor options, and create a downward lighting effect.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Antoine questioned the online guitar auction.

Administrator Hofland responded that the online auction would be held before the Paramount Blues Festival and an auction would also take place at the festival. Whoever has the highest online bid would be notified and would be able to continue bidding at the Paramount Blues Festival. Whoever has the highest bid at the blues festival would win the guitar.

Mr. Antoine questioned if anyone is promoting the online auction.

Mr. Hofland commented the Grafton Blues Association and Cedarburg Artist Guild are promoting the auction. He also identified that the guitars are on exhibit at the Library.

Ms. Christensen suggested if anyone has resources if they could get the word out regarding the online auction.

Ms. Mendla commented the Paramount Blues Festival is September 7-8.

Mr. Batista questioned if we are going to continue looking for a nonprofit organization to help with raffle licensing for next year.

Ms. Christensen commented she will look into having the North Shore Academy of the Arts apply for the license.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Antoine questioned if any feedback has been received regarding the guitars in the plaza.

Mr. Hofland commented there was a patient at a dentist office downtown and saw the guitars on display and is very interested in becoming a sponsor.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Mr. Wagner commented the next Public Arts Board meeting will be held on September 10, 2012.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Jay Batista, seconded by Mary Mendla, to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Approved unanimously.