

## **VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**

### **PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 13, 2013**

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

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

Public Arts Board members excused: Paula Christensen

Staff / Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland and Director of Public Works David Murphy

Others Present: Sue and Bill Hass (1226 Water Terrace) and Les Blum (1108 Sunset Court)

#### **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR**

Robert Wagner nominated Erin Blum as Board Chair.

Motion by Joan Warwick, seconded by Jay Batista to approve Erin Blum as Board Chair.  
Approved unanimously.

#### **HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

None

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Jay Batista, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 Public Arts Board meeting, as amended. Approved unanimously.

#### **PERFORMANCE EVENT IDEAS**

Mary Mendla identified that Records Events Entertainment have not provided her with any updates since last meeting.

Jay Batista indicated that he will check on availability of event dates for the Milwaukee Ale House. He mentioned that Paula Christensen offered the use of the Arts Mill's 3rd story. He hopes that the event can include the sale of donated art and sale of wine. The Timothy Wooden Community Center (NSAA) was also identified as a possible performance location.

Trustee Antoine recommended that the Public Arts Board start out small.

Jay Batista would like to work with Records Events Entertainment in the future for larger events.

The following committee members volunteered to serve on the Events Subcommittee: Mary Mendla, Robert Wagner, and Jay Batista. The Subcommittee will pursue a fundraising event associated with the Lakeshore Chinooks as well as a comedy show.

## **BRIDGE STREET DAM LIGHTING PROJECT - UPDATE**

Chair Blum provided the Board with a power point and video presentation.

Village Engineer Dave Murphy identified that the dam repair project will commence in July and be completed in November. The art illumination project can occur on an independent timetable from the dam repair project. He offered for the Village to purchase the lighting fixtures but suggested that a private group coordinate the installation of the lighting fixtures in order to save costs. In addition to conduits and electricity being made available to the underside of the dam, these will be available for bridge-mounted future lighting project.

Chair Blum identified that that the approximate cost of the art illumination project of the dam is \$20,000.

Jay Batista asked for a list of local businesses that could be included on a potential list of donors.

Bill Hass identified that shields will probably be needed to reduce the glare into the lower level of the adjacent Bridgewater Condos as well as the pedestrians on the riverwalk.

Jay Batista requested that a letter be sent to adjacent property owners regarding the potential lighting project to inform them and solicit their comments.

Motion by Jay Batista, seconded by Mary Mendla to recommend the Village Board approved the art illumination project of the Bridge Street dam, contingent upon private funding. Approved unanimously.

Village Administrator Hofland identified that contact was made with the Department of Natural Resources for possible funding of the project with Coastal Waterway or dam repair grants funds. The response he received was that this was not an eligible project.

Jay Batista requested that the MSOE students be asked about life of LED fixture.

Chair Blum mentioned that a donation should be considered to the MSOE for their student project. Trustee Antoine requested a thank you letter be sent to MSOA for the logo'd light box.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Jay Batista to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Approved unanimously.