

**VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**  
**PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 10, 2014**

Chair Erin Blum called the Public Arts Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board members present: Erin Blum, Joan Warwick, Catherine Davidson, Jay Batista and Trustee Dean Proefrock

Board members excused: Robert Wagner

Staff present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland and Administrative Assistant Chris Stannis

Others present: Lisa Glander from Glander Metal, Saukville, WI

**HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

Lisa Glander inquired about the status of the selection of the Meijer sculpture. Village Administrator Hofland identified that Meijer has made a selection and has commenced discussion with an artist.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Jay Batista, seconded by Catherine Davidson to approve the minutes of December 9, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion Jay Batista, second by Trustee Proefrock to approve the minutes February 10, 2014. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Erin Blum asked if there were any questions or concerns about the financial report.

A discussion about reallocating all of the Public Arts Board funds to the dam Illumination project. The Board of Public works is meeting tonight to discuss the project and the amount of lights. The Public Arts Board will table this discussion until the Board of Public Works has awarded the project.

**Dam Lighting**

Administrator Hofland distributed the IFC for the dam illumination project which is being discussed at the Board of Public Works tonight. The summary identifies the project bids. The low bid for Bid Option 1 is \$37,873. The low bid for Bid Option 2 if the adjacent waterfall is illuminated as well is \$41,373.

Dave Murphy, Director Public Works is recommending the Village Board award Option 2 at a cost of \$41,373. In light of the bids presented; the Public Arts board will have to raise an additional \$4,000. Catherine Davidson inquired as to who will maintain or the upkeep of the dam lights. This was discussed and concluded that the Department of Public Works would maintain the lights.

A discussion about the funding of this project and the need for the Public Arts Board to raise the funds by the end of the year.

A discussion about Guitar Art in Paramount Plaza, and the funds this project bring in. 2014 will be the year three for Guitar Art and Administrator Hofland will ask sponsors for a third and final year of sponsorship.

One of the members of the Public Arts Board is concerned about the entire funds going into one project and has suggested they have a gala for this project.

Motion by Jay Batista, seconded by Catherine Davidson to raise the additional funds by December 31, 2014 to pay for any funding deficit associated with the cost of the dam illumination project. Motion carried.

Ms. Davidson suggested the Public Arts Board contact the NSAA President to see if she will help coordinate with this possible fund raising event. A discussion on how to raise the additional funds and plan a ceremony for those who donated to the dam illumination project occurred. A suggestion was also made to invite the Glass Palette participation; further details will be discussed in April.

### **Poetry Paths**

The Public Arts Board requested that Village staff decide which poems to use and which locations to use. Mr. Hofland has indicated the Village would be sending out letters to those who submitted a poem in 2014 to identify that their poems will be considered as part of the 2015 Poetry Path program.

Motion by Catherine Davidson, seconded by Jay Batista to authorization Village staff to select the location and poem stamps for the 2014 Poetry Paths program. Motion carried

### **Meijer Sculpture**

The Village received four different proposals and sent to a representative of Meijer. Meijer selected artist Richard Taylor. Administrator Hofland will coordinate with Mr. Taylor. He identified the need to look for alternative sites on the Meijer development due to the size of the project budget.

Ms. Davidson has indicated that there should be some consistency, i.e. lighting and sculpture base for the art that is displayed in the community.

### **Chinooks**

Chair Blum provided a summary of her research for a possible 2014 fundraiser. A discussion about this fundraiser ensued and if the Board's effort was worth the amount of funds the Board may received.

Motion Jay Batista, second by Joan Warwick to table the Chinooks fundraiser for 2014. Motion carried.

### **Yarn Bombs**

Administrator Hofland indicated that the goal of the 2014 yarn bombs would be for the exhibit to be displayed from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A yarn bomb is similar to a jacket on the tree that has been knitted or crocheted. A suggestion was made to contact the high school and Girl Scouts.

Mr. Hofland will be contacting Michael's to see if they have a group or someone who would like to sponsor a tree.

### **Graffiti Wall at Lime Kiln Park**

Jay Batista attended a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to discuss the graffiti wall at Lime Kiln Park. The Chief of Police informed him that Grafton has a zero tolerance policy for graffiti; the Chief of Police is not in favor of the idea.

Motion Jay Batista, second Joan Warwick, to table and not to pursue a graffiti wall at the planned skate park. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Jay Batista, seconded by Trustee Proefrock, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.  
Motion carried.