

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

Chair Erin Blum called the Public Arts Board meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Board members present: Erin Blum, Joan Warwick, Catherine Davidson, Tara Wisdorf, and Trustee Dean Proefrock

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

Public present: Bill Haas

**HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD:**

None

**MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Catherine to approve the minutes September 8, 2014. Motion carried.

**November 2014 Financial Report**

A discussion about Art in Motion donation by Steve Cary. Thank you letter was sent to them by the Village.

**Dam Lighting Project Update**

A group met with the electrical contractor to discuss options for the dam lighting project. The contractor will do a mock up and bring it for the group to view. It was determined at this meeting that the current (bid) light fixtures are not enough to give the effect the group is seeking. It has been decided that a change order be approved to the dam lighting project contract, which would result in the Public Arts Board needing additional funds to compensate for this change. The Public Arts Board will need to raise \$2,073.

Board member Davidson made a suggestion of having a private gala for a pre-light show at the Glass Palette. The Board would advertise using Facebook, Twitter, website, newsletter, and events section of the newspaper. Temporarily, the Board would borrow sufficient funds from the Guitar Art Project.

Motion by Catherine Davidson, second by Joan Warwick to utilize Guitar Art Funds for the dam lighting project and in spring 2015 replenish the funds with a fundraiser. Motion carried.

## **2015 Project**

### **Community – wide Yarn Bombs**

A discussion about the history and previous meetings regarding Yarn bombs to make Tara familiar with the proposed project. Public Arts Board discussed the event itself, with details for sponsorship, short or long term conditions, a scavenger hunt or create selfies promotion, and who would enjoy to participate. In addition they discussed the possibility of the Arts Mill artists getting involved.

A subcommittee was formed: Catherine, Tara, and Joan will meet with the Arts Mill artists to see if this is a possibility of involvement from them.

Motion by Catherine Davidson, seconded by Trustee Proefrock, to conduct additional research on yarn bombs and have a more detailed discussion in January. Motion carried.

### **Paramount Plaza musical instruments**

Chair Blum contacted Bob Wagner and he has sent the Public Arts Board examples of instruments that his business could donate for next year's Guitar Art Project. Mr. Wagner has indicated that when the Board decides on what instrument has been chosen, he will donate the labor but charge for materials. There are currently eight guitars up now; the Board discussed how this worked in the past. Businesses who choose to sponsor will get a choice of which instrument they would like to sponsor.

The following instruments have been selected for further consideration by the Public Arts Board:

- Keyboard
- Saxophone
- Repeat of the current Guitar

Erin will contact Mr. Wagner and get the cost for each instrument. Mr. Hofland has indicated that we need to use the same brackets, he will also indicate what sizes the instruments need to be.

At the next meeting, the Public Arts Board will decide on the instrument design for the next three years.

### **Poetry Paths**

Village Administrator Hofland indicated that the Public Arts Board needs to make a decision soon if they plan to have a 2015 Poetry Paths project. The cost of a stamp is \$300 - \$450. Mr. Hofland will need to coordinate with David Murphy due to the timing of the 2015 sidewalk replacement program. In 2015, the replacement plan is from south of WIS 60 and east of First Avenue. A discussion followed about the sidewalk replacement program area in 2016. They conversed on whether the Board should look for new poems in 2016, instead of 2015, and use what was submitted in 2014. Mr. Hofland has indicated that most of the sidewalks in the downtown area are less than 10 years old

and may not need replacing, but there may be an opportunity when redevelopment of the Lumberyard Site commences in 2015.

Motion by Catherine Davidson, seconded by Joan Warwick to utilize the contest poems the Public Arts Board currently has received. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A previous Public Arts Board member set up a Facebook page for the Public Arts Board. Erin has asked if anyone wanted to start updating the Facebook page. Erin asked that Board members tag or put any pictures up on the wall of previous fund raisers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Tara Wisdorf to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried.