

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

Chair Angelica Chambers called the Public Arts Board meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Public Arts Board members present: Jim Brunnquell, Erica McCone, Angelica Chalmers, Robert Wagner, and Erin Blum

Public Arts Board members absent: Gloria Rosenberg and Paula Christensen

Staff/Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None present.

MINUTES

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Jim Brunnquell, to approve the July 28, 2010 Public Arts Board meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC ART FEATURE FOR PICK 'N SAVE STORE LOCATED AT 301 FALLS ROAD

Administrator Hofland reviewed the background report on behalf of Director of Planning and Development Mike Rambousek. The Village of Grafton code requires a public amenity for this large commercial development. The developer is proposing a metal sculpture. Mike is requesting input from the Board.

Administrator Hofland is recommending that the art piece be placed on a 12-18 inch concrete base to eliminate damage from snow cleaning equipment and shopping carts. The base will also result in the sculpture being taller.

Erin Blum expressed her safety concern for toddlers who may attempt to climb onto the sculpture if placed on grade at the existing concrete plaza.

Jim Brunnquell asked for other Board members' thoughts on the color of the glass. The consensus was that the colors as depicted were appropriate.

Administrator Hofland mentioned that Village staff will be requesting that the sculpture be moved slightly to the south of the location as presented.

The consensus of the Board was to request that Village staff coordinate with the developer for a raised 18 inch base for the sculpture.

2011 PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Erin Blum identified a possible art shape for 2011 – a rain barrel. She is familiar with Elgin, IL successful use of this shape for their public art project. The cost of the rain barrels will be less expensive than the 2010 dogs.

The Board discussed identifying a local community group such as the Chamber to take on this 2011 public art project.

The Board requested Village staff to identify their 2010 public arts project's revenues and expenditures. They also requested that a rain barrel be available at the next Public Arts Board meeting.

SIDEWALK POETRY PROGRAM

Administrator Hofland reviewed his report about the successful Saint Paul MN's Everyday Poems for City Sidewalk. Saint Paul received a grant to hold a contest and stamp the winning poems into public sidewalks.

The estimated annual cost of Grafton's 10 poem stamps is estimated to be \$3,000. The planned section of the Village's 2011 Sidewalk Replacement Program is the northside. The 2011 contractor hired by the Village to install the sidewalk will also stamp the poems into these sidewalk sections.

The Board discussed the potential prize amount, entry fees, the role of the local school district in promoting student-submitted poems, and who is eligible to submit.

Motion by Jim Brunquell, seconded by Robert Wagner, to create a 2011 Grafton Sidewalk Poetry Program. Approved unanimously.

Upon receiving a funding commitment, the Board will refer this to the appropriate Village committees for review and approval.

VILLAGE BANNERS

Administrator Hofland identified that six banners are displayed in Paramount Plaza and are in need of replacement. He indicated that approximately \$3,000 will be included in Tax Incremental District No. 3 (downtown redevelopment area) budget for the banners.

The Board discussed the possible use of a single or multiple artists and an artist fee. The consensus of the Board is that the involvement of a single artist will create a unifying appearance, allows the artist to financially benefit for the reproduction of multiple banner images, and eliminate the need to compensate the artist. The Board discussed the need for submittals to include one finished image along with five drafts.

Administrator Hofland will work with Village staff to refine the estimated cost for the banners and initiate the drafting of art usage agreement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Board discussed the need to create a mission statement for the Public Arts Board. It was the consensus that the enabling legislation (village code) for the Board was too broad.

Erica McCone volunteered to draft a mission statement for consideration at the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Hofland indicated that he has made contact with Marquette University for the purpose of soliciting a law school student to assist in the creation of a Section 501(c) (3) organization.

The Board asked if the Village would be an interim option for individuals who wish to make a tax deductible donation until such time that a Section 501*(c)(3) organization is formed. Jim Brunnquell responded yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Wagner distributed copies of a recently printed Art Works paper.

Erin Blum distributed copies of the October Arts Weekend Studio Tour which is sponsored by the Cedarburg Artists' Guild.

Erin Blum suggested that the community consider "art in motion" by lighting the waters of the Milwaukee River by the Bridge Street Dam. She also suggested that a statue be commissioned to be placed adjacent to a Milwaukee River riverwalk.

ADJOURN

Motion by Erica McCone, seconded by Jim Brunnquell to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Approved unanimously.