

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2010

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

Public Arts Board members present: Erica McCone, Angelica Chalmers, Robert Wagner, Gloria Rosenberg, Paula Christensen and Erin Blum

Public Arts Board members absent: Jim Brunnquell,

Staff/Officials present: Administrative Assistant Rachel Reiss

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

MINUTES

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Gloria Rosenberg, to approve the September 13, 2010 Public Arts Board meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

2011 PUBLIC ART PROJECT

The Public Arts Board reviewed a compilation of e-mails from participants in the 2010 Art Bark project. Ideas from the participants will be taken into consideration for future projects.

The Board agreed to move forward, utilizing rain barrels as the base for the 2011 Public Art Project. A sub-committee of Paul Christensen, Erin Blum, and Gloria Rosenberg was formed to facilitate the project. This sub-committee will report their efforts to the Board next month.

Angelica Chalmers stated the Board will need the advertising costs from Administrator Hofland in order to be able to incorporate the costs into the base price of the sponsorship fees.

The Board agreed that there should be tiered sponsorship levels. Any funds received above the costs of this project will be utilized for future public art projects.

VILLAGE BANNERS

Angelica Chalmers stated the Board is waiting for actual costs from Administrator Hofland.

It was a consensus of the Board to table this item until that information is received.

MISSION STATEMENT

Erica McCone developed a draft mission statement.

“The mission of the Village of Grafton Public Arts Board is to serve as a resource for Village residents to integrate civil, visual, and performance art to enrich our Community.”

The Board commended Erica on her efforts with the mission statement.

Motion by Paula Christensen, seconded by Gloria Rosenberg, to approve the mission statement as presented. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants

Angelica Chalmers questioned if Paula Christensen had a chance to look into grants for the sidewalk program. Ms. Christensen responded that she waited to see if the Board would be pursuing non-profit status. She will research possible grant opportunities for future discussion. The list will be given to the consultant Jim Brunnquell is working with on other projects.

Donations

Robert Wagner questioned if someone wanted to donate to a public art project if the Village could take that donation.

Paula Christensen stated if donations are made, the donors should receive a form stating the donation is tax deductible.

Sidewalk Program

The Board discussed possible guidelines for the sidewalk program. Ideas regarding eligible participants, fees, and timelines were discussed. The entry fee could be more for non-residents. This would give an opportunity for all children in the Grafton School District a chance to participate.

Angelica Chalmers suggested some free entries should be given to the school to allow teachers to nominate children that may have an exceptional talent.

Paula Christensen suggested that the program be opened nationally to help in making Grafton a destination community.

This item should be placed on the next agenda for further discussion and formation of a sub-committee.

Art in Motion

Erin Blum stated she found information on fixtures and power supplies for a possible “dancing light” on the river.

Erica McCone expressed concern that all DNR reports regarding the structure of the dam should be reviewed prior to making this decision.

Angelica Chalmers stated this could be a project in the future when the Board has some funds.

It was a consensus of the Board to delay discussion on this project until the dam reports are available and funding has been found.

NEW BUSINESS

Performing Art

Erica McCone stated there is a performance scheduled in March 2011, in Milwaukee focusing on an artist from the Paramount Records. Erica suggested the Board consider coordinating a bus trip for residents to this performance. This would be a great way to incorporate historical Grafton with performing art.

The Board discussed the possibility of sponsoring quarterly trips similar to this. Erica McCone will research costs for presentation at the next meeting.

Meeting Information

Administrative Assistant Reiss requested that material to be discussed at the meetings be sent to staff the week prior to the meeting. Staff will ensure each member receives the material with the agendas.

ADJOURN

Motion by Erica McCone, seconded by Robert Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Approved unanimously.