

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2011

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

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

Public Arts Board member absent: Paula Christensen, Trustee Dave Antoine

Staff/Officials present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland and Administrative Assistant Rachel Reiss

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

MINUTES

Motion by Robert Wagner, seconded by Erica McCone, to approve the July 11, 2011 Public Arts Board meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

2012 Poetry Paths

The Board reviewed the recommended timeline and guidelines for the 2012 Poetry Paths project. The deadline dates were moved up a month to ensure the stamps will be ready for the contractors in April.

The Board discussed allowing Town of Grafton residents to enter poems. This will allow for more entries.

In order to save money, Administrator Hofland stated staff is working on finding a different company to do the stamps.

Advertising for the program should be done through the website, facebook, utility bills, message board signs, and the schools.

2012 Paramount Plaza Banners

The Board reviewed the timeline for the 2012 Paramount Plaza Banners.

Angelica Chalmers questioned if there would be funding for this project. Administrator Hofland stated there are funds available within the Downtown TID budget.

Erin Blum requested the Board review the guidelines and stipends for the project. Asking an artist to submit a full rendering without compensation could be why there was

little interest. The Board should also look at defining the parameters of what needs to be submitted. Many artists do not have the capability for digital submittals.

This item will be reviewed again in November.

2012 RAIN BARRELS ON PARADE PROJECT SUMMARY

Erin Blum distributed a summary of the project events. The net profit for the project was approximately \$1,700. In the future it is suggested that the entire Board be involved in the project.

Administrator Hofland asked what the largest challenge was. Mrs. Blum stated it was receiving sponsorship for the barrels.

Erica McCone questioned how many people attended the event. Mrs. Blum stated approximately 50 attended.

TEMPORARY DISPLAY OF THE 2011 SPONSORS OF THE RAIN BARRELS ON PARADE

Erin Blum questioned if there would be a place to display the sponsors.

Administrator Hofland stated he would talk to the Village Board about the request to display the sponsors temporarily in Village Hall. Mr. Hofland will also contact the Library Director about a display in the Library.

2012 PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT

Erin Blum suggested the bird house project be the 2012 Art Project. Angelica Chalmers stated that would be a multi-year project.

Erin Blum suggested the Board find old doors to be painted by artists. The only challenge with doors is they would need to be displayed inside.

The Board discussed the artist pallet idea previously discussed. Instead of pallets, musical instruments made from metal would be designed. There would be sixteen pieces, one for each side of the Paramount Plaza poles.

Robert Wagner suggested the instruments be in lieu of the banners in the Paramount Plaza. The Board agreed that this would be a good 2012 project and would replace the Banner project. The unveiling of the banners would be in May, prior to community events.

The Board would look into selling prints, post cards, note cards, t-shirts, and replicas to raise funds for artist stipends.

Robert Wagner stated he could have an example of a metal guitar made for the next meeting.

Robert Wagner left the meeting causing a loss of quorum. The balance of the meeting is informational purposes only.

BOOK (BIRD) HOUSES

Angelica Chalmers reviewed the Book (Bird) House project. Bird houses are decorated and placed in public places. The public can pick-up a book from any house and replace it with another book. These could be placed in parks, schools and church properties. They would not be placed on private property.

Erin Blum questioned the cost of the kits. Angelica Chalmers stated they are approximately \$80 each. There may be local businesses that would like to sponsor the project annually.

Administrator Hofland stated this could be an Eagle Scout project.

Administrator Hofland stated he would design an informational brochure that could be used to solicit interest from local groups in the project.

UPDATE ON CREATION OF SECTION 501(c)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DESIGNATION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND PUBLIC ARTS BOARD

Angelica Chalmers stated she has not had a chance to get a hold of other members to discuss the next step. There should be an update at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Erica McCone stated Milwaukee Repertory Theater is not offering discount tickets for Lombardi. This is no longer a viable project.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting closed at 6:40 p.m.