



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### City of La Crosse Arts Board

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Monday, July 11, 2016

7:30 AM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order, Roll Call

*Doug Weidenbach, Randy Erickson, Kay Wagner, Brian Fukuda, and Toni Asher were also present.*

**Smith CALLED TO ORDER this Meeting.**

**Present:** 5 - Vicki Burke, Janice Gallagher, Steve Michaels, Dick Record, Donald Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Eva Marie Restel

**Absent:** 2 - David Krump, Michelle Peterslie

- 1     [16-0665](#)     Adoption of May 2, 2016 Minutes

**Attachments:**     [Minutes](#)

**Record made a motion, Burke seconded, that these Minutes be APPROVED.  
The motion carried by voice vote.**

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 2     **Explore La Crosse website's artist section update - Brent Hanifl**
- 3     **Sculpture tour and maker space visit recap**

*Smith reported that nine people visited Eau Claire and Stillwater to learn about their public sculpture projects and maker space. Eau Claire has participated for several years in a sculpture walk administered by an organization in Sioux Falls that has several other cities. 34 sculptures were installed this year. Stillwater is in its first year with a sculpture walk administered by River City Sculpture Tour, along with Hastings and Pepin. Smith will follow up on July 12 with the Sioux Falls administrator. The Artist Forge maker space was another destination where resident stone workers, architects, and other creative businesses share space and expertise. Fukuda was impressed by not only the studio space, but also their events and activities. A steel fabricator owns the building and makes space available affordably. Place, management, and funding are necessary for a successful maker space.*

- 4     **Board membership and leadership discussion**

*Smith's, Restel's, Gallagher's, Peterslie's, and Burke's terms expire in September 2016. Burke introduced Doug Weidenbach and recommended him for her replacement. In addition to serving of the County Board, Doug teaches at WTC and is*

*a member of the Pipe and Drum Corps. Smith offered to continue serving, but Gallagher will not. The Mayor makes the final appointments.*

## **5 Conversations with community art consultants and City officials recap - Gallagher**

*Gallagher said a conversation with Council President Swantz was encouraging, that there are many opportunities to introduce art in public and private developments, and the time seems good for a community commitment to extend resources. He can see the value of learning from public art experts and advisors. Gallagher scheduled an appointment with Mayor Kabat on July 29.*

## **6 Archive template for materials - Gallagher**

*Gallagher sees the Public Art archive at the La Crosse Public Library as an on-going project requiring interviews with key sources regarding artist, design elements, construction materials, maintenance requirements, vendors, etc. Topics could include: existing sculptures (Dale Montgomery, Toni Asher and Tim Acklin), Elmer Peterson's most recent sculptures, Confluence mural (Toni Asher, Smith) and NEA grant (Tim Acklin, Gallagher), Dance Steps and Poetry in the sidewalks (Smith, Krump, Greg Peterson), Herons (Toni Asher, Smith), Kendrick Scroll (Betty Kendrick, Smith), and Artspire (Toni Asher, McKenzie, Restel, Gallagher)*

## **7 Artspire recap**

*Toni Asher distributed McKenzie Olson's Artspire summary. The event garnered over 50 sponsors, ensuring the benefit of free admission. 33 downtown businesses and 11 non-profit organization participated. The School District's Perseverance Printmaking Project using a steam-roller to manufacture the students' prints was a huge success. Arts Initiative added their Chalkfest. There were 50 artists, 40 performing arts groups, 8 food vendors. The Ho-Chunk dancers stole the show. There were over 5,000 people in attendance over the two days. Next year's will be June 9 & 10 and it is likely to have a juried art section and an additional Saturday evening concert. The Artspire email is [Artspire@thepumphouse.org](mailto:Artspire@thepumphouse.org).*

## **8 Parking meter art discussion and potential action**

*Smith said that there are 900 out of service parking meters that are only worth only \$1 each if sold. They are available to be repurposed, perhaps for bike racks, pop-up art, or non-profit donation boxes.*

## **9 Ongoing projects updates**

*Announcement that Dave Hanifi, Brent's brother, will be performing at the Pump House July 16.*

## **Next Meeting Date / Agenda Items**

*The next meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:30am in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. Agenda items may include Explore La Crosse website's artist section, Smith's report on sculpture walk administrator, Gallagher's report on Mayor's meeting, and further ideas about parking meter art.*

## **Adjournment**

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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