



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Arts Board

Monday, August 1, 2016

7:30 AM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order, Roll Call

Doug Weidenbach, Michael Sigman, Kay Wagner were also present.

Smith CALLED TO ORDER the meeting at 7:35 am.

Present: 7 - David Krump, Janice Gallagher, Steve Michaels, Michelle Peterslie, Dick Record, Eva Marie Restel, Donald Smith

- 1 [16-0736](#) Approval of July 11, 2016 Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Record made a motion, Restel seconded, that these Minutes be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- 2 **Report on meeting with the Mayor regarding the Arts Board - Smith, Gallagher**

Five terms are expiring in September 2016, so there are several projects that need to be wrapped up. The Arts Board needs an operating budget to fulfill it's mission. Mayor Kabat and President Swantz requested a Percent for the Arts proposal immediately, with a component for private development using public funding and a component for setting aside funding in the Capital Improvement Program. Smith and Gallagher requested enlisting a consultant to share how other communities have defined their public spaces.

Gallagher made a motion, Restel seconded, to request that the Mayor extend expiring appointments until the end of December 2016. The motion passed.

Krump made a motion, Gallagher seconded, to request \$20,000 for an operating budget via a letter to the Mayor and Finance and Personnel Committee Chairperson. The motion passed.

Restel made a motion, Peterslie seconded, directing Planning staff to draft a Percent for the Arts policy that will include the provision for part-time staff for administration to be introduced in October, 2016. The motion passed.

Gallagher made a motion, Krump seconded, to request up to \$1,500 for a one-day consultancy on best practices in public art from Jack Becker of Forecast Public Art. The motion passed.

3 Report on meeting with Sioux Falls sculpture tour administrator - Smith

The Sioux Falls administrator cannot support additional sculptures at this time, so that vendor is no longer an option. Smith will organize the working group to meet after August 15 to consider alternatives.

4 Review work plan and decide on focus items

Smith asked for volunteers to join him in reviewing grant opportunities that could be used to fund at least one major work selected from the list of arts board projects and to consider a process to engage the community in the selection for the other grant. Krump, Restel, Weidenbach, and Smith to meet with staff to match grants with timeline and applicability. Next year's Capital Improvement Budget should include money for a grant match. CIP applications are due March 15th each year.

5 Update on artist page on Explore La Crosse website - Brent Hanifl

Explore La Crosse started the proposed artist section, but there may be a need to breathe new life into the project. Smith will talk to Hanifl about meeting with Peterslie, Toni Asher, Mike Martino, and City staff.

6 [16-0737](#) Review Draft of Standard Contract for Public Art Acceptance

Attachments: [Standard Contract Draft](#)

City staff circulated a draft policy and requests feedback before taking the policy to the Board of Public Works and Board of Parks Commissioners. Smith commented that if the City accepts the art, the City should maintain it or return it to the donor. The Arts Board should request a maintenance allocation in the CIP to ensure good repair. Comments can be sent to staff and will be on the September agenda.

7 General updates on ongoing projects

- Poage Park and Elmer Peterson's sculpture dedication ceremony is on August 20 @ 11:00 a.m.*
- The Tribune reported twenty bands & two theatrical performances were happening downtown Saturday night.*
- The Board suggested sending a thank you note on its behalf to the Tribune for the increased art coverage.*
- There have been many Northside streetscaping improvements as planned.*
- Irishfest is next weekend and Weidenbach's pipe band will be playing at 9:45.*
- The Concert Band has not seen a final band shell plans for Riverside Park.*
- Michael Sigman suggested a competition to decorate the parking ramp machinery with humorous treatments to lighten the mood; Smith offered to mention it to Flottmeyer and Gilman.*
- A new sculpture by Mike Martino is being installed by City Vision.*
- Hundreds of people were in Riverside Park on Sunday evening, apparently enjoying Pokemon*

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next meeting will be September 12th at 7:30am, since the first Monday in

September is Labor Day. Agenda items may include the public art acceptance policy, and Percent for the Arts proposal.

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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