



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Arts Board

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

4:30 PM

Riverside North Trail & 3rd Fl Conference Rm

Listening Session on Riverside North Art

4:30 pm Tour Departure

5:30 pm Listening Session

When thinking about a sculpture park, session participants considered how the site relates to other La Crosse icons. It is a significant intersection of rivers, rail, industry, cultures, and the environment. The site is a gateway and crossroads for gathering, meeting, and exchange. From the Native American sports and trade, to the immigrant communities that settled nearby, to the makeshift tent city for the homeless.

Riverside North is a place of renewal and transition. The paths of the railroad lines have become recreational trails. The petroleum storage and other industrial uses have been cleaned up. Its overgrown wildness has the potential to be a more organic, naturalistic extension of Riverside Park with different functions and characteristics that still have a connection to the water.

- Safe and inclusive
- Innovative
- Engaging sculptures that encourage play
- Some audible component such as bridge sounds and musical swings
- Interactive
- Internal audiences and external audiences interacting
- Space to sit in quiet contemplation

- Ephemeral; Transformative; changeable; Flexible: Evolving; Innovative
- Concrete pads to receive different sculptures and change over
- Different in high and low water stages.
- Multiple layers; hidden for discovery; surprise

- Need a sustainable funding source
- Partner with City of La Crosse, WisCorp, Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps, DNR, Artspire
- Mix with traditional sculptures?
- Programming
- Bold vision
- Incorporate local artists
- Nationally-known artists for residency

- Take off of herons
- Council circles
- Student birdhouses in the trees.

- Colorful geometric biomorphic found objects back in the brush.
- Large flower lights

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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