



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Arts Board

Friday, November 3, 2017

9:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Weidenbach called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Roger Christians, Robin Moses, Dick Record, Doug Weidenbach, Barry McKnight

Excused: 4 - Gail Cleary, Vacant 1, Kate Parker, Jennifer Terpstra

Approval of Minutes

Record made a motion, McKnight seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- 1 [17-1429](#) Main Street Ramp Art Proposal - CM Marcou

Attachments: [Street View](#)

Marcou shared research for funding a mural, including location on the west side of the north wall of the Main Street Ramp, and an interested artist. Arts Board has about \$4,800 to use for a project this year. McKnight thought it was a good location as entrance to downtown. Weidenbach asked about deadline to spend money and what money could be used for. Moses brought up spending considerations; shared DMI sculpture idea; requested DMI involvement in process; and suggested reaching out to Arts Initiative.

Record made a motion, McKnight seconded, to use \$4,500 toward pursuing a mural project on the Main Street Ramp. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- 2 [17-1594](#) Sculpture Walk Idea - Glen Jenkins

Attachments: [Our People Our Places Our Story: A History of La Crosse](#)

Jenkins presented handout; has spoken to Historical Society and Hear, Here. McKnight asked about timeline and cost of statues; has access to biographical information in Library archives. Moses estimated a full-body sculpture to be about \$50,000; suggested corporate sponsors; had experience in Eau Claire with sculpture walk and voiced support. Other collaborators could include Rotary, Pump House, and Explore La Crosse, City Vision, and Downtown Main Street. Staff proposed gathering

representatives from each organization to determine how to move forward.

3 [17-0598](#) Hatched Baby Sculpture Placement

Attachments: [Sculpture Information](#)
 [Letter - Draft](#)
 [Letter to BPC](#)

Parks Dept. was not interested. Weidenbach will send letter to Pump House. Moses still thinks the City Hall courtyard could be used. McKnight asked how long the sculpture would be available. Weidenbach also inquired about the condition and offered to schedule a time to check it out. Board should work with Todd Bye and John Satori to figure out answers.

4 [17-1013](#) Autumn 2017 Listening Session

Staff shared Wednesday 12/6 date for listening session. Weidenbach asked for an outline of events from staff ahead of time. McKnight suggested not having a meeting beforehand; meet on 12/8

5 [17-0677](#) Percent for Art Policy Consideration - Record

Attachments: [Draft Public Art Ordinance - La Crosse](#)
 [Progress as of May 2017](#)
 [Example Public Art Ordinance - Albuquerque](#)
 [Example Public Art Ordinance - St. Paul](#)

Staff requested input on La Crosse draft ordinance before next meeting. Record asked for 2% instead of 1%.

Notices and Discussion

Weidenbach asked for suggestions for who to appoint in place of Michaels; Board mentioned upcoming East Bank Arts Group event and Burns Supper. Michael Sigman requested more discussion on acoustic arts.

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

Next meeting date will be 12/8. Agenda items may include updates on all of the above projects and potential next show at County Building.

Adjournment

McKnight made a motion, Moses seconded, to adjourn this meeting at 10:09 am.

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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