

Baraboo Public Art Association

MINUTES

September 30, 2021

1. Stelling called the outdoor meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Also present: Marcy Huffaker, Judy Spring, Kim Rabska, Rob Nelson, Mike Palm, Ed Geick, Morgan McArthur, Meg Watson. Sending regrets: Angie Lowe
2. Geick moved to adopt the agenda, Palm seconded, motion carried.
3. Geick moved acceptance of the July 22 minutes, Huffaker seconded, motion carried.
4. Treasurer's report: Checking account \$7,134.60; Foundation account \$34,431.34. We have questions about when and how to access the yearly distribution from foundation account. Huffaker will look into it.
5. Other funding leads. BPAA wonders if there are funds available through the Mayor's beautification fund. Nelson will find out about it. Palm estimates there might be \$10,000. To access those funds, BPAA would likely need to submit a letter of request.
6. Update from last month's brief meeting with Tom Pinion regarding logos and business names on murals: Promotion of a business by name would not be appropriate for a mural, but it's a gray area. The best bet is to submit the design to Tom at the Public Works Department.
7. Myron Park check-in. The lights look good, plants are growing, all is well.
8. Website update.
 - a. Cully Shelton's photo has been removed. We still need photos of Angie Lowe, Kim Rabska, Morgan McArthur, Rob Nelson.
 - b. Baraboo Public Arts, a.k.a., Baraboo Public Art Association, now appears on the City of Baraboo home page on the Community Links list.
9. Quilt Squares. The application is pinned at the top of the BPAA Facebook page and they are available at the City desk. Can application be posted to our BPAA website home page? Morgan has completed several squares and there are two more to paint. There are still many spaces available.
10. Great Sauk Trail. Planning continues for the route between the Sauk Prairie section and Baraboo. We can start thinking about a few locations along the Riverwalk that might be suitable for larger pieces. Another piece by Dr. Evermore might be a possibility.
11. Stelling reported that the family is okay with having the selfie station dedicated in memory of Cody. Spring suggests that high school art students be involved in describing what it should look like. Funding could come a fund through Community Foundation and/or funds from Nike. One

possible sculptor is Jim Becker/Steel Creations.

12. G.L. Willson mural update. Watson reports that the high school art club might paint the designs made by the children at the elementary school. Because it is a big project, they will likely work on just two panels at a time. Watson and Spring will coordinate the paint and one aluminum panel.
13. We updated our BPAA Wish List, using the 2020 Wish List as a basis for discussion.
 - a. Keep the chalk-in event on the list of ideas
 - b. Keep the chain link fence art installations on the list. Watson suggests trying this in the East School fence next spring or summer using free materials.
 - c. Keep the small-scale garden art idea for Geick Gardens.
 - d. Keep the Surprise Art. The challenge is that it doesn't last long if people take it.
 - e. Drop art at the dog park, unless a possibility arises
 - f. Dr. Evermore sculpture for Baraboo section of Great Sauk Trail. McArthur will have exploratory conversation. One possible site is Spirit Point. The city leases the location from the State Historical Society.
 - g. Public Library site? Plans are progressing slowly, more hurdles. We might be able to plan a major piece here for 2023.
 - h. Drop the clown selfie sculpture.
 - i. Keep the giant clown shoes, commission them in concrete or fiberglass, place them in so that people could take pictures and have the big top or entrance in the background.
 - j. Story Walk. Could do as temporary art or poems by local people or temporary dance steps on sidewalk.
 - k. Murals. Keep the list of possible sites.
 - l. Stone people. Could this go in the dog park?
 - m. Category 3, historic bronze. Could we plan for something at the Oak Street overlook?
 - n. Ghost ad restoration. We could ask for a variance so we could keep the name of the product (Wrigley Gum, White Owl). We could ask Bernie what it would cost.
 - o. New Idea. Mosaic murals on the outward facing sides of the train overpass on Broadway. Issue: They've been painted but now show signs of seepage stains. Would have to mount it away from the wall. Would require getting okay from the state and railroad.
 - p. New idea. Something to beautify the alleys, such as near Jeweler's Edge and Brothers on Oak. What might be possible there? Could we have a pedestrian plaza anywhere downtown?
 - q. New Idea: Decorative Crosswalks. Can any be permanently painted with designs or words? Where and why?
 - r. New Idea: Bird House Project. Could we place them in pollinator gardens, or in the alley by Corner Drug? Can we set up a workgroup for this?
14. Next meeting, Thursday, October 28 at 5:15 p.m. Location to be announced. Geick moved to adjourn, Watson seconded.

Judy Spring, Secretary