

**Town of La Pointe
Public Arts Committee
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
10:00 a.m. via Telephone Conference
Minutes**

Members present: Peg Bertel, Robin Trinko Russell and Susan Sabre
Members absent: Tim Sullivan and Charlie Meech
Town Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Public Arts Committee meeting was called to order by Susan Sabre, Vice-Chair at 10:03 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

2. Public Comment

Robin Russell read a statement encouraging the Town, Island Business, Non-profits and Subcontractors of the Town to be on the same page to promote safe visitation to the island.

3. Resignation of Steve McHugh, Chair

Motion by Peg, second by Robin to accept Steve McHugh's resignation as Chair. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

A. Elect new Chair/Vice Chair

Motion by Peg, second by Robin to elect Susan Sabre, Chair. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

Consensus to put election on Vice Chair on next agenda.

Discussion on how long to meet via telephone conference. Susan asked if the Town decides who long they have to meet via telephone. Lisa said it's up to the committee to as to when/where they meet. Consensus to meet next month at the Rec Center.

4. Minutes of the following meetings to be considered for approval:

A. May 6, 2020

Motion by Susan, second by Robin to approve the Public Arts Committee minutes of May 6, 2020 as presented. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

5. Committee Projects Discussion

A. Inventory of existing art

- Susan thinks the inventory is close to being done and the link to the google map is on the LaPointe Center website.
- The committee will continue to improve the narratives and add photos.
- Discussion that only public art displayed outside is included in this inventory. Susan will ask Barb With about listing business who have art inside to direct people to these businesses.

B. Town dock art

1. Passenger Shelter

- Lisa reported she has received the contract for the grant from WI Coastal Management for \$15,000 to construction a passenger shelter. The money received needs to be used by April 2021. It is possible to ask for an extension.
- Lisa will ask the Town Board at their 6/9/20 meeting to schedule a Special Town Board meeting for the townspeople to approve building the passenger shelter.
- If this is approved by the townspeople, the Town can enter into a contract with C & S Design to design the shelter.
- Lisa will look into grants from the Apostle Island Area Community Fund to fund the additional cost of the passenger shelter.

2. Dock Art

- Susan made contact with some arts organizations and local artists to let them know we are looking for submissions for a gateway community sculpture in the vicinity of the town dock.
- One of the artists asked if the DNR permit application could be withdrawn to a future date to allow for artist input.
- Susan submitted another article (she modified the last article submitted by Steve McHugh to include cultural appropriation) to the Gazette looking for submissions.

a. Duluth Area Office of Corps of Engineers – sculpture on breakwater – Peg Bertel

- Peg spoke with Steve Brossart at the Duluth US Army Corp. office about submitting an application to place art on the breakwater. Peg said the conversation was encouraging.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Set next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Rec Center

8. Adjourn

Motion by Susan, second by Robin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented July 1, 2020. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.