

**Town of La Pointe  
Public Arts Committee  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
10:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom  
Minutes**

Members present: Susan Sabre; Chair, Mary Atmore, Sally Brown, Mary Whittaker and Robin Trinko Russell  
Members absent: Peg Bertel  
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Public Arts Committee meeting was called to order by Susan Sabre, Chair on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 10:05 a.m.

**2. Public Comment**

None

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

**A. January 5, 2022**

Mary A mention a correction needed to Anne Katz's name.

Motion by Robing to approve the minutes of January 5, 2022, as corrected, seconded by Sally, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. Committee Projects Discussion**

**A. Gateway to the Community Project**

*Clerical Assistant Note: The Gateway to the Community Project was commissioned and Funded by the La Pointe Center of the Arts and will be donated to the Town of La Pointe.*

**1. Peg Bertel on sculpture**

**Payment arrangements and storage**

Susan said Peg told her Lisa Kosmo has been paid in full. She is waiting on invoices from North Shore Steel, Elk River Construction (Dobson) and Nelson Construction.

Peg also said the Chamber initially gave \$1,000 and have donated an additional \$2,500 for the sign.

Michael will look into who needs to pay for the sign.

**2. Robin Russell on base**

**Plans for Spring installation**

- Work on the base will be scheduled around road weight limits and condition of the ground around base.
- Robin got estimates from Brock White in Duluth for pavers to enlarge area around sign, sidewalk to sculpture and perimeter of sculpture on sidewalk side. Rough estimate at \$4.60/sq. ft = \$3,000. An estimate for installation is still needed.

- Arnie at Nelson Construction will work with North Shore Steel as far as structural requirements to move sculpture onto base.

### **3. Mary Atmore on Funding for Public Art**

- Mary A gave an overview of her research & conversations with communities and organizations about Public Art.
- Anne Katz of Arts Wisconsin was very informative and sent information to Mary about other communities with public arts committees and links with resources regarding contracts.
- Discussion on need to clarify with Town Board on what the Public Arts Committee budget can be used for.

### **4. Fundraising**

Susan will draft a letter to local businesses regarding how public art is beneficial to their business.

### **5. Commemorative Plaque**

- Michael has been working with Marina on the text for the sign. The text is being reviewed by the Tribal Resource Officers from Bad River and Red Cliff. Susan will e-mail the text to the committee.
- Susan will send the text to the Bad River and Red Cliff Tribal Historical Preservation Officers to ok the spelling of the Ojibway words on the sign.

### **6. Dedication Ceremony**

Preliminary consensus the dedication ceremony will be in June or July.

### **5. Recommendations to Town Board**

None

### **6. Public Comment**

None

### **7. Set next Meeting Agenda and Date.**

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

### **8. Adjourn**

Motion by Sally to adjourn, seconded by Robin, all in favor, all ayes. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant  
Minutes approved as corrected (errors struck through) March 2, 2022.