

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

Members present: Susan Sabre; Chair, Sally Brown, Peg Bertel and Mary Atmore
Members absent: Robin Trinko Russell and Mary Whittaker
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, March 2, 2022, at 10:04 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None

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

A. February 2, 2022

Motion by Sally to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022, as corrected, seconded by Mary, 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

- Peg reported total donations above the initial \$20,000 from the La Pointe Center are at \$17,000.
- Susan will put an article in the next Gazette with another appeal for donations.
- Discussion on engraving donors' names on pavers that will be put around the sculpture. Susan will check on engraving costs and font options.

2. Commemorative Plaque

- Susan has sent the text and pictures to; Marina Lachecki and Rob Gosslin, Bad River and Red Cliff Tribal Historical Preservation Officers and committee members for review. Susan was happy to receive feedback from both Bad River and Red Cliff.
- Michael will look at the contract with Little Big Bay Shop to find the cut-off date to make changes.
- Susan, Peg and Michael met with Keldi Merton, Director, Madeline Island Historical Museum to find images for the plaque. Lengthy discussion on how to decide which pictures/images to use and how to obtain them legally.

3. Dedication Ceremony

Tentative dedication ceremony to be scheduled for Fri. 7/29/22 or Sat. 7/30/22 at Russell Park.

5. Mary Atmore on Funding for Public Art

- Mary discussed her research and conversations with communities who have a public art function.
- Discussion on a video Peg purchased from Arts Wisconsin for the La Pointe Center on how art helps the community.
- Susan suggested a working session with Anne Katz at Arts Wisconsin to help with planning what this committee can do in the future. Mary A. will contact Anne to schedule a meeting in June.
- Michael reported that he attended a seminar on rural economic development. One of the points was the importance of creating a community people want to live.

6. Recommendations to Town Board

None

7. Public Comment

None

8. Set next Meeting Agenda and Date.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Sally to adjourn, seconded by Mary, all in favor, all ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 6/1/2022.