

**Town of La Pointe  
Public Arts Committee  
Wednesday September 13, 2023  
4:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom  
Minutes**

Members present: Mary Atmore (Chair), Susan Sabre, Maddie Rupp, Robin Trinko  
Russell and Peg Bertel.  
Members absent: Sally Brown  
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

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

The Public Arts Committee meeting was called to order by Mary Atmore at 4:04 pm.

**2. Public Comment - None**

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

**A. July 12, 2023**

Motion by Peggy to approve the above minutes as presented, seconded by Maddie, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. 2024 budget request to Town Board**

Michael reported the committee has a \$4,113.76 balance in their designated fund plus \$4,500 from a grant received for porta potty beautification.

Consensus to not ask for funds in 2024. The committee will use the \$4,500 for porta potty beautification and the current designated fund balance for expenses incurred at the 2024 Winter Festival and exploring a propeller sculpture for Russell Park. Mary will write a memo to the Town Board reflecting these ideas for the committee to review at the next meeting and will attend the budget workshop to present.

**5. Committee Projects – identify and prioritize**

**A. Sculpture landscaping status – Robin & Peg**

- Project is complete except for grass seed which is Parks Dept. responsibility.
- Robin thanked everyone for help in planting.
- Robin mentioned that the ferry line has a collection of old propellers that could be used for a sculpture at Russell Park.

**B. Porta potty beautification – artists solicitation in Gazette, other ideas**

- An article will be in the next Gazette. Discussion on other ways to solicit artists. Peg will ask the La Pointe Center to e-mail the same wording as in the Gazette article to their contacts. Mary will ask the Chamber to add to their e-mail newsletter. Peg will create a flyer to be distributed to the La Pointe Center Gallery, Woods Hall, Bell Street Gallery and the Post Office.

**C. Winter Festival – workable ideas for 2024**

- General discussion on previous ideas discussed; treasure hunt, ice/snow sculpture. Possible other events to coordinate with include the snow snake festival or Casper trail night ski.

- Consensus to focus on a treasure hunt, possibly the day of the snow snake festival. Maddie will work on a formal proposal for the Town Board, Peg will check with Paul DeMain, about planning an event the same day as their festival.

**D. Live Art 2.0 – discussion on pursuing or not**

Consensus to put on hold.

**E. Social media accounts – Maddie**

Maddie reviewed current draft website with committee members.

Links to; LPC, Woods Hall and other art originations will be added to cross promote. Maddie will work on text for each page and send to committee members for review. Mary will do a final edit before website is published.

Social media accounts will not go live until after the website is published.

**6. Future of Public Arts Committee**

**A. Incorporation of Comprehensive Plan recommendations**

Michael read the recommendation in the current Comprehensive Plan draft regarding public art.

The Town’s Public Art Committee should convene Woods, Hall, the La Pointe Center, Madeline School for the Arts, individual artists, and art-centric businesses and organizations to seek consensus on how to increase the cohesion and profile of the Town’s creative culture and heritage.

Michael explained the steering committee is suggesting someone or group to take a lead roll to help pursue implementation.

Discussion on what this recommendation means. Will revisit at the next meeting.

**B. Moving from jurisdiction under Town of La Pointe to jurisdiction under La Pointe Center for the Arts – consensus to stay under the Town of La Pointe.**

**7. Old Business (on hold)**

**A. Tribal collaboration – no responses yet.**

**B. Sidewalk art – will revisit.**

**8. Member recruiting efforts**

**9. Recommendations to Town Board - None**

**10. Public Comment**

Peggy read an e-mail she received from Jim Rogers regarding the pergola beautification status. She will respond that as of now there has been no interest received from the Gazette articles.

**11. Set next Meeting Agenda and Date.**

Next regular meeting date scheduled for Wed. 10/11/23 at 4pm

**12. Adjourn**

Motion by Maddie, seconded by Peggy to adjourn, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant  
 Minutes approved as presented 10/11/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant