

## **FEBRUARY 13, 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

p.m., Council Chamber. Members present: R. Moore, B. Morgan for B. Stoneberg, J. Pearson. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorseger.

### **Call to Order:**

Chair Pearson called the meeting to order.

### **Plow Museum:**

Referring to earlier discussion of possibly doubling the display capacity at the plow museum at a fraction of the cost of the original project, Adm. Christianson advised that RCHS seems to have committed the extra space to another project such that it may not be available for the plow museum. He is exploring options to relocate the other project so that plow museum expansion can be adjacent. Ed recently made a deal with a seller in Missouri to buy a couple more rare plows, which will be donated to the collection. Ed had never even seen one of these before.

He is also reconsidering use of an interior shelf for any lighter horse drawn plows that might be donated.

### **Elevated Plow Sign:**

The County Property Committee seemed to support the idea of the elevated plow sign, although had differing ideas on exactly where to place it. Northern Machine is putting together a quote to fabricate a sign post. Thompson Excavating has offered to donate raising the post and plow for mounting.

### **Miner Park:**

It was reported that the property owner west of Miner Park is agreeable to having planned folk art mounted on her building wall and that the property owner on the east side of Miner Park is agreeable to having the Historic Ladysmith Pioneers mural mounted on her building wall.

### **Rail Displays:**

It was reported that we don't yet have a Proposal to construct the planned Lake Avenue Rail Display toward which Sue Moore secured a donation of \$5,000. Mr. Moore is seeking such Proposal from an area builder.

### **Bike Paths:**

There seems to be considerable support building for bike trail development. Initial efforts might involve simply marking routes on existing roadways, which should keep costs minimal.

### **Farmer's Market:**

Adm. Christianson advised that the CN and WisDOT vision clearance triangles that apparently will prevent a veterans mural from being erected west of the current farmer's market will apparently also prevent any addition to the current pavilion. He also indicated he had met with the County Property Committee in regard to a possible new pavilion on the parking lot west of the County Government Center. While they agreed that site would afford considerably more parking and expansion room, some present also suggested the market be moved to the fairgrounds instead. It was then pointed out that the City is interested in keeping it downtown to attract folks to that area. The county seemed to concur that adding a driveway entrance (only) on the east end of the lot will be useful to keeping traffic movements controlled and hazards minimal.

**Silhouettes:**

It was reported that Northern Machine has quoted \$1,400 to supply material and cut out five silhouettes on 1/8" steel. The Fine Arts Gallery would then paint them for \$438. So, a total of \$1,838.

**Veterans Mural:**

It was noted that we are, perhaps, back to "square one" with where to locate a new veterans mural.

Following are some site options:

- Along the west edge of the walkway by St. John's Church. This would need to have Church's "blessing". Visibility would be second to none, although there would be no parking nearby.
- East side of Brooklyn Store site, across Hwy. 8 from Memorial Park. It is City or State-owned.
- Along south and east sides of Memorial Park tennis courts. Would be visible without infringing much on view of river. Would not draw folks downtown.

It was suggested folks drive by these locations and meet again next week to consider them.

**Brooklyn Bridge Painting:**

No update.

**Full Sized Covered Bridge:**

Morgan & Parmley has estimated that it will cost from \$3,200-\$3,800 to prepare and gain approval of bridge permit and related dredging permit for a covered bridge. And another \$12-16,000 to design the bridge. It was hoped that plans for the Smith Rapids Bridge in Price County could essentially be copied to keep design costs down. Morgan & Parmley indicates, however, that while doing that would result in lower plan costs that bridge is structural and would be considerably more costly to build. The bridge proposed for Falge Park Drive will only need to hold itself up, not the bridge deck, so should be way less costly to construct.