

## **FEBRUARY 20, 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

6:45 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: R. Moore, J. Pearson. Absent: B. Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorseger, A. Kenyon, D. Parker.

### **Call to Order:**

Chair J. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

### **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 some or all the space behind the plow museum to a Native American Lodge project such that it may not be available for expansion. He is exploring options to relocate the other project so that museum expansion can be adjacent. These options include relocating the Lodge project to the riverfront property Dr. and Mrs. Al Boehmer donated to the City, which is located north of the Memorial Park boat landing.

### **Elevated Plow Sign:**

Not reported: The County Property Committee seems to support the idea of the elevated plow sign, although had differing ideas on exactly where to place it. One option being in the grassy triangle at the fairgrounds entrance. 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. Bob Parmley is willing to design the concrete base.

### **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 a donation of \$5,000 has been made. Mr. Moore is working with an area builder to get a Proposal.

### **Bike Paths:**

There was no update on bike trail development.

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

Adm. Christianson advised that the CN and WisDOT vision clearance triangles that will apparently 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 veterans' silhouettes on 1/8" steel. The Fine Arts Gallery would then paint them for \$438. So, a total of \$1,838. It was suggested that Northern Machine be asked for a quote to powder coat them.

**Veterans Mural:**

It was noted that we are, perhaps, back to "square one" with where to locate a new veterans mural. The following were mentioned as possible 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, but there is no parking nearby.

-East side of former Brooklyn Store site, across Hwy. 8 from Memorial Park. It is City-owned and there appears to be 200' of space available, which would translate into 100 depictions.

There seemed to be support for the latter location.

**Brooklyn Bridge Painting:**

No update.

**Full Sized Covered Bridge:**

It was reported that 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 support itself, not the bridge deck, so should be way less costly to construct.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.