

FEBRUARY 6, 2019, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

5:15 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: J. Fields, B. Stoneberg. Absent: J. Pearson. Others present: Christianson 1 and 2, P. Ruege.

Call to Order:

Chair Fields called the meeting to order and presided.

Holiday Lights:

Phil Ruege reviewed his idea for installing lamp posts along Miner Ave., which would, presumably, be spaced so as to not interfere with opening car doors. The tops of these posts would be fitted with solar powered lanterns to eliminate the need to run power to them. During the holidays the posts could also be encircled with solar snowflake lights.

Concerns were raised that the PW Dept. may have the following issues with this project.

- Posts installed within sidewalk area become a snow removal obstacle.
- The sidewalk would need to be overcut to facilitate drilling post holes.
- While inexpensive, wooden or PVC posts might not hold up.

It was suggested that the PW Dept. provide input before any recommendation is made.

There are black wrought iron look lamp posts available commercially from vendors such as Sternberg and Wayfair that could blend Mr. Ruege's idea of lamp posts with the wrought iron fence we have been working to achieve. And be in keeping with this Committee's preference for garland and lights strung on wrought iron fences. The committee is concerned, however, that the lamp posts shown, made for home decoration, are plastic and not likely to hold up in public places where they may routinely be bumped or leaned on. An attempt will be made to find affordable metal ones.

The Committee is supportive of wrapping the trees on Miner Ave. with solar powered snowflake lights as somewhat of a compromise.

Black Fence:

Recalling Mrs. Moore's reminder at the last meeting that the City had previously set a goal to replace mismatched downtown fencing with black metal fence to improve uniformity, an itemized Proposal has been requested from Dave Bailey/Nate Mincoff to fabricate and install the following sections:

- At old bakery site to replace split rail.
- At north end of former farmer's market site to replace white "horse farm" fence.
- On east side of Miner Plaza, where there is currently no fence.
- At Flambeau River Overlook to replace timber guard rail, although the barrier function would be lost.

Adm. Christianson stated that he didn't seek a quote to replace treated posts at Worden Ave. parking lot as this location really wouldn't be seen; at least not the south side. Those sites listed all lend themselves to adding rope lights and garland. And they could be augmented with lamp posts. It was noted that Barokas Wreaths, from Fifield, still makes real evergreen garland. Others mentioned other regional garland suppliers. Purchase and installation of metal fence and any lamp posts can be covered from TIFD #8. Purchase or replacement of light strings or garland would not be.

Mrs. Stoneberg indicated she is very supportive of replacing mixed material fences with metal:

- Doing so will lend needed uniformity.
- Wrought iron or similar fences of high-quality material are a better investment in the long term.

Goose Your Neighbor:

The Committee is uncertain where to go with this project.

Fishing Contest:

Mr. Fields reported that he continues to work with Jim Riddle at Flambeau River Outfitters to make plans for fishing contest to be held between the two dams here. The Committee intends to earmark half the \$5,000 the Council approved for its efforts for use in conjunction with this contest. A few ideas on related kids' activities were discussed as the intent is to make this a family event. It is anticipated that Mr. Riddle a/k/a "Lobster" will spearhead the actual contest.

Updates:Vet's Mural

It was reported that building owner Steve Clark has asked the City to relocate the mural from the east side of the former True Value Hardware. A few location options were mentioned. None is ideal.

Fish Mural

Adm. Christianson spoke with abutting owner Cora Schultz several weeks back. She has no issue with a (3) record fish mural being erected on public land west of her driveway. That seems to be the most visible location available. An option would be to put it on the west exterior of Flambeau River Outfitters, which building owner Rusk Co. has approved of. We priced these based on being nearly 20' long each, but could make them as small as 4'x 8' each. Or, somewhere in between such as 8' x 12'. The cost quote for 20' each was \$4,995, while the quote to go half that size was \$3,800. The frame would be expected to be less costly as well. A 60' frame should cost about \$5,000 with lighting. Less without. Then again this mural would not have to be so tall as the fish are elongated horizontally. That should reduce material costs somewhat. In any case, these costs will be covered by TIFD #8. Mrs. Stoneberg suggested offsetting the three images so it doesn't look so much like a billboard. Motion was made by Fields, seconded by Stoneberg and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval to expend \$4,995 for the larger size fish mural and up to \$5,000 for the frame, both as costs to TIFD #8.

Native Carving

Mr. East has not responded to recent inquiries on status of plans to do a chainsaw carving of a Native American or Voyageur to stand at south end of the Brooklyn Bridge. Putting up a 14' tall banner made from a photo of the original statue didn't generate much interest. Neither did my checking account.

Former Residents Mural

It is taking some time to track down photos. These would, however, be a logical use for the P.O. drive thru side of that mural frame. These will be at the City's cost to be paid from TIFD #8.

Museum Workshop

Proposals have been requested to reside the museum workshop and to build new access ramps to serve the relocated mine visitor center.

Corbett Lake Trails:

An aerial map of Corbett Lake and adjoining lands was distributed, which indicates with dashed and colored lines where easy to construct trail sections could be built. There was also discussion of potential names. A construction cost estimate has been requested for these.

Adjourn:

After the Committee tired of Adm. Christianson's unrelated stories, the meeting adjourned at about 7:20 p.m.