

MARCH 11, 2019, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMM. MTG. MINUTES

6:12 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: J. Fields, J. Pearson, M. Platteter for B. Stoneberg. Others present: R. Cerra, A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegner, B. Groothousen, S. Moore, P. Ruege.

Call to Order:

Chairman Fields called the meeting to order and presided.

Holiday Lighting:

Phil Ruege appeared to express hope that the City will be able to have some wooden posts installed behind curb along Miner Ave. downtown for the primary purpose of adding inexpensive decorative lighting. These would be topped by solar lanterns, to which garland could be added during the holiday season. Adm. Christianson then distributed copies of a draft letter outlining concerns the PW Dept. has about working around these if located within the sidewalk area. It was also noted that the posts could be easily damaged. Similar posts that light the LHS cross country ski trails have quickly become tilted, distracting from their otherwise attractive appearance.

Motion was made by Fields, seconded by Pearson and carried by voice vote to continue to investigate placing two such posts in the Miner Plaza green space to see how they work out. Mounting them atop concrete filled sonotubes might help, but add to cost. Mr. Groothousen will look into the possibility of using wood posts with black steel accents, that could possibly be made by LHS students.

Metal Fences:

Those present reviewed quotes to install black metal fencing along the sidewalk by the Miner Plaza green space; behind the sidewalk along the north side of the former farmer's market site; behind the former Ladysmith Bakery green space; and, adjacent to the Flambeau River Overlook. Some want to drive by these sites and visualize how these fences might look before making recommendations. It was also noted that such fencing is costly. There is support for wrapping any fences that are put up with garland and solar holiday lights during that season.

Mural Relocation:

Consideration was given to possible relocation sites for the Vet's mural Steve Clark has asked be removed from the east side of his former hardware store on E. 2nd St. Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval of moving this mural to the west side of the City parking lot west of the P.O. This will put it near other murals in that vicinity. A 20' long mural frame with depictions on both sides could suffice.

Former Residents Mural:

Information about a couple more well-known former residents, Yvonne (Ahlstrom) Falge and Don Churchill, was passed around.

New Murals:

Discussion continued on just where to locate the already commissioned mural(s) depicting State record fish caught in Rusk Co. There may be advantages to putting these in different locations. Possible sites include on the west side of Flambeau River Outfitters; in the lot at the top of the bridge; in Memorial Park at the bottom of the bridge; and, on the north end of the former farmer's market site.

Mrs. Pearson again advocated creating a mural depicting local residents in their occupations or favorite pastimes: the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker. [She had previously secured the landowner's

approval to locate such mural along the west side of 1st St., south of what was most recently local Democratic campaign headquarters and, before that, Flambeau Falls Café.]

Holiday/Hope Tree:

Adm. Christianson advised that he has contact info for a RL area tree mover, who he will contact about pricing to plant a 4" diameter holiday/hope evergreen tree south of the Brooklyn Lift Station. That location should be visible for quite a distance both north and south.

Trails:

With the construction period for TIFD #9 due to expire in 2021, this summer might be a good time to construct trail sections 1-3 as depicted on the attached map, and as listed in the City's Outdoor Recreation Plan. If these sections prove to be popular consideration could still be given to adding section 4, off Sabin Ave., in 2020. Motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Platteter and carried by voice vote to recommend the Council approve expenditure of up to \$14,000 from TIFD #9 in 2019 to build sections 1-3 in Falge Park. The Park Board will need to concur and to name the trail, but a name suggestion will be made for its consideration.

Wetland Walkway:

There was discussion of how to take the worst of the ridges and dips out of the wetland walkway in Falge Park. Possible fixes include the following:

- Drill in (to the bottom of the wetland) large, albeit expensive anchor screws made for such purposes.
- Replace frost heave prone support posts underneath the structure with side mounted posts it can ride up and down on.
- Replace the worst heaved posts with barrel floats. It is believed that a local bear bait dealer (Proden) sells empty barrels for \$5-10 each.
- [A similar solution that came up outside the meeting would involve a lot of effort but seems doable would be to cut the walkway into similar sized sections after the marsh freezes and sling them to shore with a front-end loader where they would be loaded onto a trailer and taken to a large open building. There the sections would be remodeled to create wood surrounds for barrel or other floats, which would then be installed. The sections would then be taken back where they came from and be placed and held together by gate hinges.]

Adjourn:

Upon motion by Platteter, which was seconded by Fields and carried by voice vote the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.