

MARCH 23, 2020, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES -MARCH 47
p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: B. Groothusen, J. Fields, M. Reynolds. Others present: A. Christianson 1, K. Gorseger, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

At about 7 p.m., Committee Chair Groothusen called the meeting to order and presided.

Rail Display:

Mr. Parker is still awaiting a quote from Zeigler Electric to repair electrical connections between units in the visitor center rail display. These will be redone so they can be easily disconnected in the event there is need to separate the units in the future. That may need to happen soon to raise the track to eliminate a visible low spot where the third and fourth units presently connect. There is presently enough extra track to the east to allow the fourth unit to be pulled back and be held in place with a heavy chain, if need be.

Copies of the proposed 2020 rail display budget were distributed in case anyone did not have one.

There was discussion of whether extension of the awning over the two easternmost vehicles in the visitor center rail display could be financed through TIF. Adm. Christianson stated his belief that beautification projects in TIFD #8 seem easier to defend given that District was designed to eliminate blight. He said the rail display in TIFD #9 is likely a different story when it comes to how to indicate that effort supports increased property values and attracting additional investment into TIFD #9. A case can be made, but not as strong a case.

Mural Projects:

It was explained that ,because a large project she had going in MN was delayed, the City's mural artist has been able to get to and has completed the following City projects:

- *Three rail display volunteers (Carlson, Morgan, Terrill). Mr. Terrill's depiction will be set in a doorway of the visitor center rail display, while those of Mr. Carlson and Mr. Morgan are intended to occupy the motorcar on display along Lake Ave.
- *The well-known former residents mural is completed, as ordered. Suggestions have since been received to include a handful of other current and former residents. This mural is expected to go on one side of a frame to be erected along the driveway south from Lake Ave. to the fire hall. A Vet's mural located on the east side of the former hardware store on E. 2nd St. will go on the other side.
- *A smaller (4'x6') vintage Mardi Gras poster is in production. A location for it has not been selected.
- *The three separate State Record fish murals are in production. It is anticipated that one of these will go on the east side of Flambeau River Outfitters and another on the south or west side of the former Flambeau Pharmacy. The third could go on the east side of the frame alongside the P.O. drive through.
- *The Evans Decoys mural could also go on the east side of the frame by the P.O. drive through, or on Ace Hardware.

Falge Park Boardwalk:

A Proposal to replace about 150' of the Falge Park Boardwalk was reviewed. This would involve replacing one of three legs of the boardwalk with a new treated wood structure on poly floatation. There is some interest in doing a shorter piece on a trial basis. Mention was made of possibly seeking sponsors. One potential sponsor had expressed interest in doing a project that would request no more than \$5,000. A donation that size could go well with \$10,000 that is budgeted, as the quote for the 150' section is about \$15,000.