

MAY 15, 2019, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMM. MTG. MINUTES

4:30 p.m. members present: B. Groothusen, M. Reynolds. Absent: J. Fields. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, K. Gorsegner, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

Chair Groothusen called the meeting to order and presided.

Mural Relocation:

There was discussion of potential sites for the Vet's mural currently located on the side of the former hardware store on E. 2nd St. The following were mentioned as possible sites:

- West side of parking lot west of P.O. The Committee isn't fond of the tunnel effect this might create with the existing mural on the east side of that same lot.
- South side of alley north and west of 211 Club. This isn't appealing as it would likely require costly property acquisition.

Adm. Christianson will approach the hardware store building owner to see if he will consider leasing the current space to the City for an extended time. One seeming advantage to the current location is that it can be seen from U.S.8 westbound.

Fish Murals:

There was also discussion of potential locations for three Wisconsin record or "would have been record" fish taken in Rusk County, as follows:

- An albino musky taken in the Flambeau.
- A "would have been" musky taken through the ice on Lake Flambeau.
- A black bullhead taken in Big Falls Flowage.

Initially, it was thought that these would be placed on a single mural, but that was replaced by a sense that catching peoples' attention at three different locations rather than just one is preferable. Placards on each could reference locations of the others for those who might want to look at all three.

Possible sites are as follows:

- West side of Flambeau River Outfitter's space, already approved by the building owner (County).
- South side of west end of Ace Hardware.
- East wall of Verizon store, adjacent to Dairy Queen.

Previously proposed sites at both ends of the Brooklyn Bridge have fallen into disfavor for the following reasons:

- Drivers need to give full attention to the road at the complicated intersection at the top end.
- A mural at the bottom end would take away from the already great river view.

Decoy Mural:

The Mayor advocated consideration of a mural featuring a [or, a few?] W.D. Evans duck decoy(s). Evans is a nationally renowned decoy manufacturer, whose operations were located in a backyard shop about 1.5 blocks north of the DQ. His decoys often "fetch" hundreds of dollars now as collectibles.

Flambeau River Quote:

Adm. Christianson passed around copies of Jim Stanton's mock-up of a 12" x 18" sign featuring a quote about the Flambeau River from Aldo Leopold's best-known book A Sand County Almanac. Christianson

advocated that two of these be purchased at just under \$100 each, for placement at the City's two boat landings. Some of those present suggested other locations, such as the Visitor Center and Pioneer Park, where these might also be placed.

Flambeau River Info:

Adm. Christianson also advocated production and placement of a couple 4'x4' informational signs about the Flambeau River at the same boat landings. He stated that it mystifies him how little even many long-time residents seem to know about what is the major landscape feature in the community. [A copy of that information is attached along with a version Mr. Reynolds winnowed down to make it more interesting reading.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at ??