

AUGUST 20, 2018, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-June 20

Members present: Fields, Pearson, Stoneberg. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, .

Call to Order: Committee Chair Fields called the meeting to order and presided.

Progress Reports:

Sound System

No update is available.

History Notes

Adm. Christianson hasn't gotten back to the proposed Ladysmith history notes project.

Holiday Cards (buildings)

Nobody has come forward expressing interest in sponsoring these.

Lake Ave. Display

A question was raised about the status of a couple RR worker (conductor and engineer) cut outs that had been discussed. This will be checked on.

Plow Sign

Rusk County folks interested in adding an electronic message board on plow sign have gone silent. The City has done its part having prepped the sign at additional cost to City, to have reader board added.

Veteran Silhouettes

A quote of \$160 each (\$800 total) has been received to repaint these in metal flake gray so they contrast better with the red brown rail car back drop. Seems like a lot.

Vet's Murals

Artist Kelly Meredith indicated recently that she hopes to have the P.O. mural up by Veteran's Day. Jim West inquired about potential for a mural on the east side of Verizon.

Native/Voyageur Carving

Ted East is, presumably, retiring at the end of this month after which he might have more time available to do this carving for placement at the SE corner of the B Bridge. He is, however, going to be working half time at Aurora.

Possible Future Projects:

Full Sized Covered Bridge

The Park Board approved of the idea of allowing the Council's Property Committee to take ownership of this project and its long-term care. This might be as justifiable a TIF expenditure similar to the rail displays. AC said he was excited to have Xcel donate construction mats for the floor of the faux "bridge" until City workers told him they are junk.

Plow Replica

Adm. Christianson stated that after his initial excitement about building an accurate Level Land Swivel Plow replica, reality has set in. Many parts cannot simply be replicated by a local welder. Some parts would be one-time castings that would not be cheap.

Former Residents Mural
Adm. Christianson indicated another mural theme could recognize former residents who have gained notoriety beyond our area, such as the following:

*World War II Milwaukee Journal war correspondent Bob Doyle.

*Vietnam War protestor Ron Kovic who was "Born on the 4th of July".

*E.M. Dahlberg who I a member of the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame alongside the likes of contemporaries Aldo Leopold, John Muir and Sigurd Olson.

*Wallace and Hazel Grange who developed Wisconsin's Sandhill Wildlife Area of nearly 10,000 acres and gifted it over to the State of Wisconsin, which now operates it.