

Baraboo Public Art Association

**MINUTES**

October 24, 2019

1. Bekah Stelling called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Also present: Ed Geick, Marcy Huffaker, Morgan McArthur, Mike Palm, Kim Rabska, Cully Shelton, Judy Spring, Megan Watson sends regrets. Guest: Wade Peterson, Utility Superintendent.
2. Palm moved to accept the agenda, Huffaker seconded, motion carried.
3. Shelton moved to accept the September 19 minutes, Palm seconded, motion carried.
4. Discussion: **Water reservoir project.** Wade Peterson reported that the reservoir is slated to be stripped down and repainted in 2027. It gets painted every 30-40 years, so doing a mural there might be feasible after 2027. Consensus: Set this idea aside for some time in the future.
5. Huffaker presented the October **Treasurer's report** and a list of valuations of completed projects which has been turned over to the City for insurance purposes. Motion by Geick, seconded by Palm, to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
6. **Bylaws revision.** Spring presented draft bylaws changes as per previous month's discussion. Section 3.4 extends terms to 9 years. Section 3.5, strike out and simplify process for filling unexpired vacancies. Section 3.7, add attendance via phone as counting towards a quorum. Insert Section 3.8 allowing for voting on motions via email in rare situations and correcting subsequent numbering. Motion by Palm, seconded by Stelling, motion carried. McArthur requests updated list of board members and terms.
7. **Website.** There is a delay due to changes in the host server. The situation should be resolved within the month. Shelton reviewed the website contents and found some gaps in stories and information that need to be completed. He has a press release ready to go announcing the website and BPAA progress.
8. **QR Codes** for the Fabric of the Community. This is on hold until January.
9. **Quilt Squares.** The names of John and Millie Canepa have been submitted and there is another coming from Baxters. The applications need to be given to Megan Watson, to record on the spreadsheet, Huffaker will track the money, McArthur needs the information from applications to paint the squares.
10. **Leader Elephant.** Great news! Palm and Stelling applied for Alma Waite funds and the request has been approved for next year's budget. We have hit the financial target to pay for the lead elephant. Huffaker will submit an invoice requesting the funds. Funds over the cost of the artwork will be directed to landscaping around the elephants. The lead elephant installation is scheduled for late spring. New benches have been installed towards the west of the elephants.

Shelton will get donors list from Huffaker to note in a press release along with photos of the lead elephant in progress. The list of names will also be used during the spring unveiling. We will invite the other two elephant artists to the unveiling.

11. **Baribeau relief sculpture.** We are going to set this project idea aside and perhaps return to it at a future date.
12. **Youth Mural proposal.** Spring presented a detailed proposal and budget for a youth mural at the Civic Center parking lot. As to the theme, we will state the BPAA mission “history, geography and cultural heritage” of the Baraboo area, or an abstract design. On the application form we will add “Who can enter: Any person age 21 or younger who is a current or past resident of the Baraboo area. (Baraboo area is defined as the geography of the Baraboo School District.)” Motion by Palm to accept the proposal with the modifications, seconded by Huffaker, motion carried. Spring will begin distribution of the call for entries.
13. **Future Great Sauk State Trail/Baraboo segment.** Palm, Geick, and Spring attended a ceremony in Prairie du Sac marking the handoff of the development of the Great Sauk State bicycle trail from the Sauk City/Prairie du Sac leg to the future Baraboo and Reedsburg area sections. This is a long-term project which might involve BPAA. In the Sauk Prairie area, Lindsey Giese, River Arts Executive Director, coordinated the acquisition and installation of all the trail related “amenities”, including donor recognition gifts, benches, mile markers, interpretive signs, public art pieces and final donor board. She is eager to share with BPAA and the Baraboo section team planners all she learned over the five-year process in their area.
14. Palm provided information from Joann Mundth, Reedsburg ArtsLink, about the Arts Wisconsin **Creative Summit** in Stevens Point December 11 and offers to car pool. The theme this year is public art. BPAA board members who would like to attend should register via their website and BPAA can reimburse cost of registration.
15. There is no meeting in November. There is a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, **December 12** at City Hall from 4 – 6:30 p.m. Ed Geick will arrange for pizza, Morgan McArthur will invite Robin Whyte and Forrest Hartman.  
DRAFT AGENDA  
4 – 4:15 Brief business meeting (minutes, Treasurer’s report, brief project updates)  
4:15 – 5:30 What do we want public art in Baraboo to look like in 2025, including Great Sauk State Trail- Baraboo segment ideas.  
5:30 – 6:15 Fund development conversation with Robin Whyte and Forrest Hartman.  
6:15 – 6:30 Summary and areas of agreement for future directions, 2020 and beyond
16. Motion to adjourn by Palm, seconded by Huffaker, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Judy Spring, Secretary