

## Meeting Minutes for the Baraboo Public Art Association

Baraboo City Hall, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo, WI

Date and Time: Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

Location: North Conference Rm. 234, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo

Members Attending: Morgan McArthur, Mike Palm, Ed Geick, Marcy Huffaker

Visitor attending: Dean Allen, Lodi

### **Call to Order**, Palm @ 4:02

- Approve agenda McArthur moved, Huffaker second
- Approve minutes of July 26, 2018 Geick moved, Palm seconded

### **Presentation** by dimensional artist/sculptor Dean Allen from Lodi

Chance meeting of artist Dean Allen by Palm and Stelling at a document signing at Andrew Hager's office while finalizing details on Ameriprise wall for Fabric mural. Dean is an accomplished sculptor who created lifesize elephants for Kalahari Theme Shop. Palm invited Dean to present to BPAA as a prospect for creating the male elephant for Myron Park. Dean brought a small wireframe mockette of a circus elephant for show & tell. He proposed creating a structure that is thematically congruent – that is, a metal framed structure – but has his own design interpretations. Possible elements would be a frame that is more open than the Pearson sculpture but has areas that are covered with expanded metal in strategic locations. He also proposed mixing metals – copper and bronze in addition to the stainless, for contrast & interest. More information below under New Business.

### **Public Comment** – None

**Treasurers Report** – Huffaker reported closing savings account, opening a CD for savings and creating a money market account for checking purposes.

### **Old Business and Updates on current projects underway**

#### A. Fabric of the Community Murals

##### 1. Reveal date and plans

- i. Signed agreement with Andrew Hager, building owner of Ameriprise building, to attach 19 portraits to west wall facing the parking lot. Andrew

- agreed to pay for installation by Bluff-Hill Construction (Jon Kreger) up to \$1800. Over/above that cost is on BPAA.
- ii. Kelly Meredith has our nineteen nominations in hand. She has considerable work ahead of us in the queue and thought a realistic unveiling time would be March/April 2019.
2. Related meeting and work with Kelly Meredith – none
  3. Typed stories and QR codes
    - i. Typed stories are complete, thanks to Judy Spring. Ed Geick is researching QR code decals. ~\$15 to buy from Amazon (how many for that price?)
  4. Quilt Squares
    - i. McArthur will source some di-bond cut to 10”x10” dimension to create personalized quilt square panels.
- B. Facebook Page update – postponed; Stelling absent
- C. Follendorf mural – Follendorf will pay for mural so it’s outside of BPAA purview. Theme: elephants in front of St. Joe’s church, from an old photo. Bernie Poff’s first sketch was too cartoony for Follendorf so Bernie will create another. Follendorf to work directly with Bernie. Hopefully completed 2019.
- D. Water reservoir mural (Madison St.) – Formal letter needs to be written to City with a proposal. Ed Geick to draft letter. Bernie Poff/Meg Watson will conspire to create a sketch.
- E. Barabeau relief sculpture – Proposed to be created on flat-faced rock in front of City Hall. No contact has been made with Homer Daehn. Concept will be to create a likeness of a French trapper from mid-chest upward.
- F. Myron Park Sculpture Update
1. Stelling has contacted Supreme Awards about enlarging plaque sizes to accommodate more verbiage. “Lucy” needs to include reference to Sauk County Community Foundation and “Ruby” needs to cite Sauk Co. AHHP grant. Cost for larger plaques is nominal. McArthur moved that we order plaques. Huffaker seconded.

### **New Business:**

- Web presence – postpone discussion
- Catalog Art in Downtown
  - “Daydreaming chart” has been discussed many times – what are possible future projects for Baraboo? Must agendaize this for a future meeting.
  - Meg Watson has a list of current public art items in Baraboo. Mary Hultman/DBI are intending to put some of the public art projects on their website and has asked MM for input on descriptions.
- Next Elephant Sculpture Discussion and Possible Action
  - Dean Allen presentation explained dimension and proposed construction of male elephant for Myron Park. Funding will be the primary issue – Dean estimates cost, delivered and anchored to be ~\$15-16K. He has already made inquiries with WCCU and Summit Credit Unions and he suspects that they could come in with ~\$5K sponsorship each. That is purely speculative. The

prospect for another Sauk County AHHP grant for a maximum of \$5K is better with other funding sources and a local artist. Ben Bromley noted in an article in the *BNR* that we are seeking money for another elephant. Also, followup with Ken Frank, nominator of Ken and Esther Lange, is merited. Frank commented at the dedication that he may have some backers for another sculpture. BPAA to draft up an agreement, Dean will make a better mockette and come with a firmer price.

- **Board Member Comments** – Marcy would like to discuss Cully \_\_\_\_\_, from International Crane Foundation, as a prospective board member at the next meeting.
- **Next meeting:** October 25, 2018
- **Adjournment** – Geick moved, McArthur seconded

Notes captured by Morgan McArthur