

# Reedsburg Arts Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 7, 2020

**Call to Order:** 12:18 p.m.      **Meeting Location:** Reedsburg City Hall, 134 South Locust

**Members Present:**

Glen Slaats, Chair  
Jennifer Stanek

Gatlin Fenwick

Lee Gnatzig

**Members Absent:** Beth Voigt, Katie Schofield, Michelle Zuelke

**Others Present:** Kari Walker

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes: June 2, 2020 Motion by Stanek Second by Gnatzig

Motion Carried.

**General Business:**

**1. Consider and Review Grant Application for Touchdown Tavern - Mural**

- i. Kari Walker presented a summary of an art mural piece designed by acclaimed mural artist Laura Annis, who Walker contracted to be placed on the south, public-facing façade of the building located at 125 E. Main Street. Walker has already commissioned the artist for the work. Walker’s proposal, on behalf of Touchdown Tavern, requests funding in the amount of \$2,500. Motion made by Fenwick, seconded by Gnatzig to approve the application as submitted by Walker. Discussion was made whether the piece qualifies as a “public” location, as defined in the grant application requirements. Because the piece will be visible from the public street of Main Street (also STH 33 and STH 23), the committee accepted that it does qualify as being publicly visible. Stanek made an amended motion to provide 50% of the funds which was denied. Fenwick’s original motion carried unanimously.

**2. Sub-Committee Reports**

- a. Policy and document oversight. Nothing to discuss.
- b. Maintenance and Budget – Budget Revisions and Updates
  - i. Gnatzig summarized the budget meeting and stated that what was originally assumed to be a beginning year balance of \$18,000 was a mistake, and the actual beginning budget was \$15,000.
- c. Social Media and Community Awareness
  - i. Stanek mentioned that new pictures have been posted to social media. Stanek wants to add past-awarded grants to the website.

### 3. New Business

- a. Revisit Gnatzig video proposal
  - i. Gnatzig wants to produce a video that showcases local art and local artists which would be available on Youtube, at the library, and potentially ran on a local cable channel. Discussion was made in regards to someone from the community to submit a formal grant application that can be reviewed by the committee as an Arts Grant, or alternatively be presented to the general city council by Gnatzig for review and approval from the general council. Stanek mentioned that more progress could be made by the Arts Committee to showcase the success of the Arts Committee. Gnatzig suggested the video could be supplemented in the future with updated content. Gnatzig agreed to document the proposal in writing at a future date.
- b. Reaction from City Council June 22 presentation
  - i. City council approved the \$2,500 that was awarded in the previous meeting for Harvest Park maintenance assistance for updates to "Ruminant". Ruminant is decommissioned combine decorated with stained glass and lighting components. Gnatzig mentioned that one of the city council members questioned how often the art piece would require city-funds to maintain it, and that the city council approved the expenditure.
- c. Nishan Park – Ad Hoc committee site visit
  - i. Fenwick summarized a walk-about that took place on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> by the subcommittee at Nishan Park. Attending the walk-about was Gnatzig, Voigt and Fenwick. Throughout the walk around Nishan park, areas were identified as potential locations where art can be installed. The list includes, but is not limited to the following:
    - 1. Northeast scoreboard back that faces Viking Drive (CTH H) which measures approximately 22' height and 27' width supported with three 10" steel I-beams on concrete piers, equipped with electricity.
    - 2. Outfield fences that face the public
    - 3. Dugout exteriors
    - 4. Light poles
    - 5. Greenspace (in areas that would not be intrusive to athletes warming up), with potential for a landscape art such as a walking meditation labyrinth or sculpture.
  - ii. Discussion was made that significant money would likely become available for Nishan-related art projects through other means, both public and private. Corporate sponsorship of one or more installations may also be explored. Reedsburg Arts Committee has \$5,000 included in the budget for the first RFP related to Nishan Park which is explained below.
  - iii. Discussion was made that the Reedsburg Arts Committee will issue an RFP for the specific location of the northeast scoreboard back that faces the

public road. Artists will submit proposals for that location, and will be encouraged to incorporate in some way the history of Little League and Reedsburg.

d. Jen Stanek Mini-Grant Proposal

- i. Stanek mentioned that the Arts Committee has \$2,000 in the budget for “in-cahoots” grants which are intended for art participation during public events held in Reedsburg, but due to COVID-19 most events are cancelled. Stanek suggested the Arts Committee offer an RFP in the amount of \$2,000, and wave the requirement for the project to be related to a public event. Instead, for 2020, the \$2,000 fund may be appropriate to be related to “2020 events” in some way. Proposals from artists will be considered if related to any of the significant phenomenon occurring in 2020 such as:
  1. Black Lives Matter movement
  2. Covid-19
  3. Social Distancing
  4. Face Masks

e. Committee Membership

- i. Discussion was made as to the involvement of Committee Member Zuelke, and whether she is willing to participate at this time.

**4. Adjourn**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Fenwick, Second by Stanek.
  - i. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gatlin Fenwick, Secretary