

## WINONA FINE ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**July 16th, 2020 (By Zoom Digital Meeting)**

**Present by Zoom:** Roger Boulay, Alessandra Sulpy, Rebecca Sims, Theresa Remick, Eric Heukeshoven, Sam Zierden, Judy Myers

**Absent:** Carrie Frederich, Ben Strand

**Staff:** Lee Gundersheimer

**Guests: Item I: Meeting called to order** by Boulay at 5:32 p.m.

**Item II: Approval of agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Heukeshoven, seconded by Remick. All voted aye.

### **Item III Old Business Discussion of adding the Poet Names and Dates to Poetry Walk**

Boulay asked Gundersheimer to update the Commission. He stated that additional stamps with the name and date could be made in about two weeks from receipt of the information at a cost of \$740. Gundersheimer believed there was enough in the initial budget to cover this cost but would have to check with City staff. Danilo Boicek has agreed to make the new stamps or have a student from the group do so once the information was received. The poets need to be contacted once the FAC reached their decision.

Boulay reported that Ken McCullough thought the poets names should not be included as it would detract from the focus of the poem, the poems themselves. Alison Quam on the original committee thought the names should be included. Boulay felt they should as well. Sims abstained, but wanted to make sure the names would stay with the poems during storage and subsequent use.

Heukeshoven stated that 85% percent of friends and writers he polled think it would be a good idea to include the names. Especially since this is in concrete, it is important that the future knows who they are.

Remick said she felt it was important that the FAC make sure that artists are recognized. That is why she is in favor.

Myers wanted to make sure that the adding of the stamp would not cause additional lines in the concrete. Gundersheimer explained how it should not depend on the skill of the contractor. Care would be made to ensure that it would not.

A discussion then occurred about what information should be included and why. Heukeshoven felt that if the poet opted out perhaps anonymous should be stated. Or perhaps just the date. Boulay was not in favor in adding a third variable of date only.

Remick was not in favor of adding a date unless it is creation only.

Zierden was in favor of keeping the date off the stamp if the poet opts out of wanting the information added. It should be their decision.

Council Person Mueller thought that the names should be added as well.

Heukeshoven made a motion to proceed with contacting the poets and ordering the new stamps with preferred poet name and year, if they choose to have them included to be added to the Poetry Walk. A request for payment for the additional stamps will be made to the City Works or Engineering Department from the existing project budget if funds remain; if not, the FAC will make the payment in advance to expedite the order, and make a request to the City Council to reimburse the cost. Myers seconded. All voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**Item IV: Meeting Adjourned-** At 6:06 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Heukeshoven, seconded by Remick. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.