



AGENDA

HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

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Members:

Chairperson Lee Beveridge
Aldersperson Tori Jennings
Mary McComb
Tim Siebert
Sarah Scripps
Joseph Debauche (Alternate 1)
Eric McFarland (Alternate 2)

Date and Time:

April 8, 2020
2:00 PM

Location:

Zoom Conference Call Meeting
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1. Call to Order
2. Report of the December 4, 2019 Meeting *Pages 3-6*
3. Request from the City of Stevens Point & CREATE Portage County to continue the downtown trash receptacle/planter artwork program *Pages 7-23*
4. Staff Update
5. Adjourn

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CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WI



Meeting: Historic Preservation/Design Review Commission

Date: April 8, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM

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REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

December 04, 2019 – 1:00 PM

Police Department, Room 122

933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481

PRESENT: Chairperson Beveridge, Alderperson Jennings, Commissioner McComb, Commissioner Scripps, and Commissioner Debauche.

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Planner Kearns, Secretary Mohr, Gregg Gokey, and Keith Biesack.

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1. A physical inspection of the site(s) described below by the Commission will take place at **1:00 PM:**
Following the site inspection(s) referenced above, the Commission will convene at approximately 2:00 PM in Room 122 at the Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue for discussion and possible action on the following:
 2. Call to Order
 3. Report of the November 6, 2019 meeting
 4. Request from Penguin Properties, LLC. for a façade improvement grant and design review to install windows, tuckpoint, and perform other improvements to the façade at 1136 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832202930)
 5. Conceptual façade grant request and design review for improvements to 1221 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832201509)
 6. Staff Update
 7. Adjourn

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 1. 1136 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832202930)

Following the site inspection(s) referenced above, the Commission will convene at approximately 2:00 PM in Room 122 at the Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue for discussion and possible action on the following:

 2. Call to Order
Present: Beveridge, Jennings, McComb, Scripps, Debauche
Excused: Siebert
Absent: McFarland
 3. Report of the November 6, 2019 meeting
Motion by Alderperson Jennings to approve the report of the November 6, 2019 HP/DRC Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Scripps.
Motion carried 5-0.

4. Request from Penguin Properties, LLC. for a façade improvement grant and design review to install windows, tuckpoint, and perform other improvements to the façade at 1136 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832202930)

A summary of the request was provided by Associate Planner Kearns in which approval of the request was recommended.

There was a brief discussion between the Chairperson and applicant, Gregg Gokey, representing Wildcard Corp., regarding specifics of the brick restoration on the rear of the building.

Alderperson Scripps made a motion to approve the request from Penguin Properties, LLC. for a façade improvement grant and design review to install windows, tuckpoint, and perform other improvements to the façade at 1136 Main Street (Parcel ID 281240832202930) with the following:

1. Rosettes on the steel beam (lintel) shall be exposed and restored if they remain.
2. Stone veneer proposed on the south façade shall match existing stone on the building and shall be reviewed and approved by the chairperson and designated agent, including any other similar masonry materials.
3. Gentle means shall be used when cleaning masonry prior to tuckpointing; only organic non-toxic chemicals shall be used to clean.
4. Powerwashing or sandblasting shall be prohibited on any building components.
5. Type N mortar shall be used between masonry.
6. Window and door openings shall not be expanded beyond their original size.
7. The applicant shall submit final details regarding the window grids (design, color, etc.) to be reviewed and approved by the chairperson and designated agent.
8. Window and door trim color shall match.
9. The second floor front (south) windows shall have a faux sash resembling a single/double hung window, of which the design shall be reviewed and approved by the chairperson and designated agent.
10. Transom windows shall be installed above entrance doors and match original openings.
11. The chairperson and designated agent shall have the authority to review and/or approve minor amendments to the project.
12. Applicable building permits shall be obtained.
13. All work shall be completed within one year.
14. Project must adhere to Façade Improvement Grant Program Guidelines.
15. No funds shall be disbursed until project is fully completed.
16. The maximum City participation shall not exceed 40% of the total project cost of the bids and work approved, and no individual cost shall exceed the following, unless approval has been given to the HP/DRC chairperson and designated agent in reviewing additional bids or building improvements:

		Contractor						
Improvements		Modern Builders Supply of Wausau	Precision Glass	Dulak & Sons	Melum Masonry	Baraboo Awning	Wausau Canvas	
South Façade – Main Entrance		-	-	-	-	-	-	
1	Establish door on south facade	\$33,812.83	\$ 33,645.00	-	-	-	-	
2	Install second story windows – aluminum trim	\$ above	\$ above	-	-	-	-	
3	Remove tile and install matching stone	-	-	\$ 19,700.00	\$ 16,660.00	-	-	
4	Expose Steel Beam	-	-	\$ above	\$ above	-	-	
5	Remove existing awning and install new triangular awning	-	-	-	-	\$ 3,864.00	\$ 4,240.00	
North Façade - Rear		-	-	-	-	-	-	
6	Install five windows (3 second floor, 2 first floor) – aluminum trim	\$ above	\$ above	-	-	-	-	
7	Install door and transom windows over rear door – aluminum trim	\$ above	\$ above	-	-	-	-	
8	Remove all stucco and expose original brick - tuckpoint	-	-	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 30,840.00	-	-	
West Façade – Alleyway		-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	Install 8 windows (4 second floor, 4 first floor)	\$ above	\$ above	-	-	-	-	
10	Tuckpointing	-	-	\$ above	\$ above	-	-	
TOTAL		\$33,812.82	\$ 33,645.00	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 3,864.00	\$ 4,240.00	
Lowest Bid(s)			\$ 33,645.00	\$ 31,200.00		\$ 3,864.00		
TOTAL Project Cost		\$					68,709.00	
40% of Total Project Cost		\$					27,483.60	

seconded by Commisisoner Jennings.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Conceptual façade grant request and design review for improvements to 1221 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832201509

A summary of the conceptual request was provided by Associate Planner Kearns in which he noted that the applicant was just looking for preliminary feedback.

Keith Biesack, applicant, added the following project information:

1. Working in conjunction with building owner, Mike Beacom.
2. Working with local contractor Vincent Miresse of Wholistic Home Solutions LLC.
3. Working with local designer Ryan Wanta of Wanta & Sons, Inc., and noted their recent work on Ruby Coffee Roasters Café.
4. Looking to maintain original craftsmanship where possible (tile, decorative stone, transom windows, etc), or replace with similar likeness. Purpose would be to maintain as much as the original character as possible. There would be plans to salvage retractable awning underneath existing immobile awning.

5. Business would be a higher-end wine, beer, and spirits store. They currently maintain a current tasting room, The Lost Grape.

There was a brief discussion regarding historic characteristics of the buildings, and if the applicant had any references, such as photographs.

Keith Biesack, applicant, noted the importance of the existing signage due to the storefront's corner location, and asked to what extent they would be able to alter it, to which Associate Planner Kearns reviewed the sign guidelines and requirements.

There was a consensus that the commission would be agreeable or open to the proposed project.

The importance of the Façade Improvement Grant was noted, to which staff noted that they could bring forward an update on the status of the program for 2020.

6. Staff Update

Staff reiterated that additional information for the Façade Improvement Grant for 2020 would be brought forward.

7. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.



TO: Historic Preservation/Design Review Commission

FROM: Ryan Kernosky, Director of Community Development

DATE: April 8, 2020

RE: **REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT & CREATE PORTAGE COUNTY TO CONTINUE THE DOWNTOWN TRASH RECEPTACLE/PLANTER ARTWORK PROGRAM**

Background: In March of 2019, the Historic Preservation/Design Review Commission reviewed and ultimately approved a downtown trash receptacle artwork program in coordination with CREATE Portage County Inc. This program was piloted last year, and arguably has been successful in bringing more color and creativity downtown. Attached to this memo are the painted trash cans in the Main St/Clark St from this program.

Through the two meetings this was discussed ([February 13, 2019](#) and [March 6, 2019](#)) several comments were made during this time. These included the concern about the quality of the artwork, the possibility it would attract more graffiti in the downtown area, and whether or not the Historic Preservation/Design Review Commission even had authority over this request. After much deliberation, the request was approved with the three stipulations:

- 1. The first year may only focus on the trash receptacles. Planters are to be excluded.**
- 2. Artwork must be removed or repainted if it does not meet program guidelines.**
- 3. The program must be revisited within one year for additional review.**

To staff's knowledge, the first two stipulations were met. The request for consideration today from the City and CREATE Portage County is to meet the third stipulation.

Request: The request from City Staff and CREATE Portage County is to shift from a pilot program to a recurring program and paint trash receptacles and planters if enough submissions are received. It should also be noted that proper social distancing guidelines will be followed through this process.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the updated program as requested by Staff and CREATE Portage County.













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March 31, 2020

Historic Preservation & Design Review Commission
City of Stevens Point
Stevens Point, WI 54481

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request approval to continue the Trash Canvas partnership between the City of Stevens Point and CREATE Portage County. Piloted last year, this program installed mini murals on trash cans within the historic downtown.

The program was a major success. We received overwhelming positive feedback from residents during the painting and voting processes and well after its completion. Our gallery of images from the program was one of our most shared posts on social media. Moreover, we know that effective public art installations, especially those that encourage walking in areas of commerce, have economic impact on the businesses nearby.

This year we are submitting three slight changes from last year's program:

1. We request permission to shift this project from a pilot to a recurring program.
2. We request permission to paint the planters should we receive suitable submissions beyond the number of available trash cans.
3. We submit an amendment to the painting process to accommodate social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 crisis. As such, we will paint one can at a time and limit teams to two people.

We are excited to see what artists imagine this year for these unique canvases. Thanks again for your support and please let us know if you require any changes.



Greg Wright
Executive Director
CREATE Portage County



In partnership with the City of Stevens Point, and sponsored by Sherwin-Williams, CREATE is challenging teams to transform downtown trash cans into public art. This project is designed to elevate the unique sense of place in Stevens Point, to highlight our creative identity, to showcase local artistic talent, to add vibrancy to the City core, and to foster community connection through a shared experience.

PARTICIPATION

Individual artists and/or teams of any size are encouraged to participate; however, we strongly encourage community organizations, neighborhoods, friend groups, and other teams to participate in this challenge together to maximize the community-building goals of this project.

FEES & GUIDELINES

There is a \$25 materials fee for selected participants that will be paid when artists pick up their materials. Art submitted must be appropriate for all ages and public spaces. It cannot include any obscene images, nudity, strong language, or political messages. Artists must also own the rights to all images and designs used. Please avoid any copyright infringements.

SELECTION

A selection committee will review designs and assign locations based on adherence to guidelines, availability of surfaces, and capacity to meet the goals of the project. There is no guarantee of participation. Finalized artwork will be displayed for a period of 1 year until the following year's event.



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TIMELINE

COMPETITION OPENS	APRIL 1
DESIGNS SUBMITTED TO INFO@CREATEPORTAGECOUNTY.ORG	MAY 1
SELECTED DESIGNS INFORMED OF THEIR LOCATION	MAY 3
SURFACES PREPPED	MAY 4 - 7
PAINTING OF SURFACES	MAY 8 -10
COMMUNITY VOTING	MAY 15
WINNER ANNOUNCED	MAY 15

PAINTING DAY: Painting for all teams and individuals will take place the second weekend of May. Teams will be expected to complete their projects during designated hours: Friday 4PM-7PM, Saturday 9AM-7PM, and Sunday 9AM-7PM.

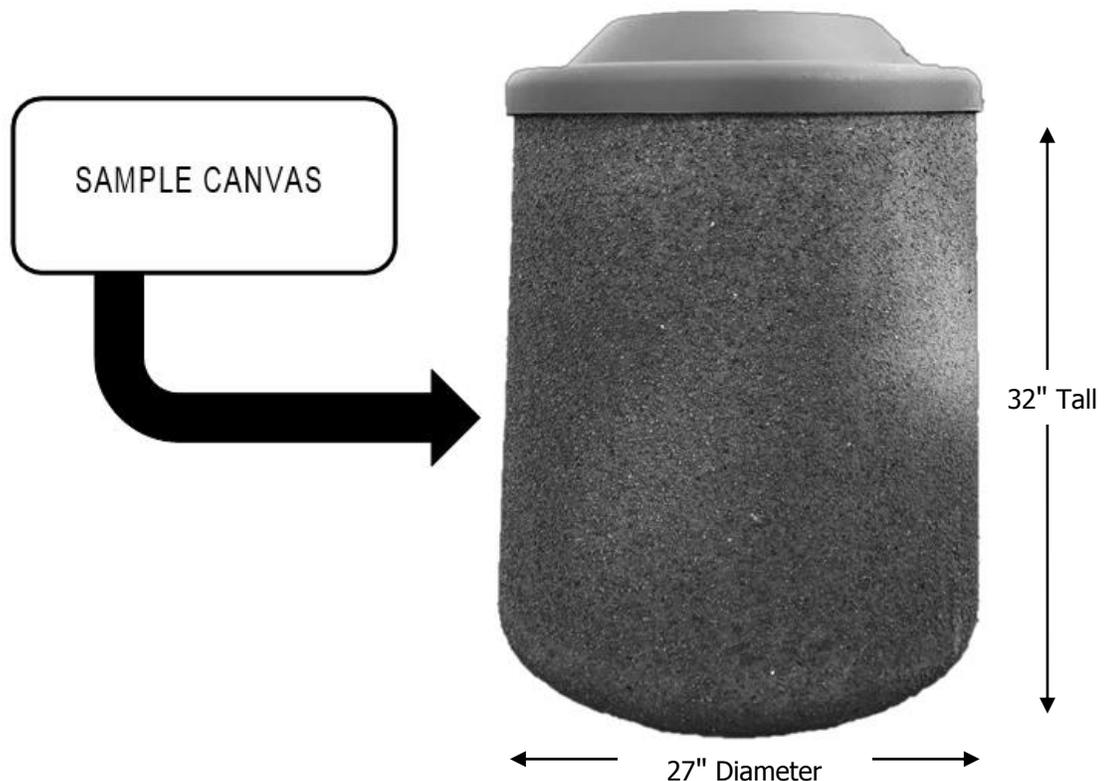
MATERIALS: CREATE and the City will prep surfaces with a coat of primer and provide tarps to prevent damage to sidewalks. The City will set up a paint station with red, blue, yellow, white, and black paints available for all teams. When mixing paints, please consider the amount of paint your design requires. The City will also provide empty paint cans and brushes. Teams are responsible for all other materials required to execute their designs and must use high-quality materials that are appropriate for outdoor weather conditions in Stevens Point. Artwork can use media other than paint but all materials must hold up on the concrete containers and be easily painted over for next year's competition

PRIZES: On May 15th at the culmination of ArtsWalk's Mass Guitar Incident, two prizes will be awarded:

1. *Canvas of the Year:* Selected by a panel of judges. Cash prize, \$250 minimum.
2. *People's Choice Award:* Throughout ArtsWalk, community members will have the opportunity to purchase tickets (\$1 for 1, \$5 for 6, \$20 wingspans) to cast votes for their favorite pieces. Voting will open at 5:00 PM and run until 7:30 PM. The Canvas receiving the highest number of tickets will win the accumulated prize money. A cash prize will be awarded to the Canvas of the Year.

RIGHTS: The City of Stevens Point and CREATE Portage County, Inc. will hold the rights to artwork developed as a part of this competition. They reserve the right to use images and recreations of completed artwork in promotional materials and merchandise. The City of Stevens Point reserves the right to paint over any trash can at any time for any reason.

SPECS: Trash cans are approximately 32" tall and 83" in circumference with a curve in at the bottom starting 5" from the ground. We recommend that teams measure their specific container before painting and adjust design work accordingly. The concrete surface will be slightly rough and porous. Aside from the plastic top, the surface will be painted completely white in preparation for your artwork!



PLEASE NOTIFY CREATE PORTAGE COUNTY PRIOR TO MAY 8th IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR PROJECT.

TRASHCANVAS APPLICATION

← TRASHCANVAS TEMPLATE (the two ends of your design will meet on the trash can) →

TEAM LEAD:	EMAIL:	PHONE:
GROUP AFFILIATION/NAME:		

By signing this form, I agree to the conditions of this competition, I affirm that all design work submitted is original, and I pledge to follow our approved design to the best of our abilities.

SIGNATURE

DATE

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO INFO@CREATEPORTAGECOUNTY.ORG OR DROPPED OFF AT 1039B ELLIS ST. BY 5:00 PM ON MAY 1.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

February 13, 2019 – 1:00 PM

Police Department, Room 122

933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481

PRESENT: Chairperson Beveridge, Alderperson Jennings, Commissioner Siebert, Commissioner Scripps, Commissioner Debauche, and Commissioner McFarland.

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Planner Kearns, Director Ostrowski, Alderperson Dugan, Maria Mohr, Nick Bahcuk, Mike Wiza, Jim Belke, Brian Beaulieu, Ryan Wanta, and Randy Wanta.

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1. A physical inspection of the site(s) described below by the Commission will take place at **1:00 PM**:
 - a) 1013 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200418) and 1016 Third Street (Parcel ID 281240832200414)

Following the site inspection(s) referenced above, the Commission will convene in Room 122 at the Police Department, 933 Michigan Avenue for discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Call to Order
3. Request from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point to demolish the structures on 1013 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200418) and the home at 1016 Third Street (Parcel ID 281240832200414)
4. Request from Wanta Properties, LLC for design review to construct a live/work unit development on the property bounded by Centerpoint Drive, Third Street, Second Street and Portage Street with the following addresses: 1013 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200418), 941 Portage Street (Parcel ID 281240832200402), 1000 Third Street (Parcel ID 281240832200401), 1016 Third Street (Parcel ID 281240832200414), 1105 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200409), 916 Centerpoint Drive (Parcel ID 281240832200408), and unaddressed parcels 281240832200413, 281240832200417, and 281240832200419
5. Request from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point for design review to reconstruct a parking lot located on Centerpoint Drive, between Third Street and Second Street (Parcel ID's 281240832200417 and 281240832200419)
6. Request from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point for design review to remove the cupola atop the building at 1101 Centerpoint Drive (281240832202961)
7. Request from the City of Stevens Point to create a downtown trash receptacle/planter artwork program
8. Adjourn

1. A physical inspection of the site(s) described below by the Commission will take place at **1:00 PM**:
 - a) 1013 Second Street (Parcel ID 281240832200418) and 1016 Third Street (Parcel ID 281240832200414)

Chairperson Beveridge made a motion to approve the request from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Stevens Point for design review to remove the cupola atop the building at 1101 Centerpoint Drive (281240832202961) with the following;

1. The roof deck shall be repaired and roofed to match the existing roof materials.
2. The cupola structure, and/or any materials on the structure shall be save, repurposed, or salvaged if possible.

seconded by Alderperson Jennings

Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Scripps voting in the negative.

7. Request from the City of Stevens Point to create a downtown trash receptacle/planter artwork program

Associate Planner Kearns explained that the City, in cooperation with Create Portage County, had been working on beginning an annual art program to decorate trash receptacles and planters within the downtown area. He noted that while the program details had not been finalized, the contest was proposed to take place in the spring, with the winning artwork to become a permanent installation. Over time, the City would have a permanent artwork collection in the downtown to complement the existing murals. He advised that they work with local business owners to assist in drafting the guidelines, but questioned whether they would be opening a door to additional graffiti. He welcomed additional feedback, of which commissioners had several comments regarding the request as described below:

1. Comment that there was not a lot of vandalism on the existing murals, and suspected that it would be the same with the proposed program. The receptacles and planters were in a very visible location.
2. Concern noted for quality of artwork, as well as the type of images or themes that would be used in the artwork.
3. Preference for tile art, or mosaic, noting its higher quality and permanence.
4. Comment about setting a yearly theme.
5. Inquiry on whether it was a partnership with Create and their plans on management and funding, to which Associate Planner Kearns explained that due to the City's limited staff, it would be ideal if an outside organization managed the event if successful. The City could continue to participate in funding some aspects.
6. Concern that heavily textured planters would be a difficult surface to work with.
7. Comment that they had a similar discussion regarding concerns for artwork quality when discussing murals, but so far had been a nonissue. If it didn't look good, they could just paint over it.
8. Preference on investing on more permanent installations within the downtown, rather than a rotating program.
9. Preference on greater vetting of artwork.
10. Comment about artwork being subjective, as well as possible concerns arising from removing artwork based on preference, and whether they could face first amendment issues.

Associate Planner Kearns noted concerns regarding wanting to place restrictions on the artwork, as well as having to bring every design before the commission for approval, noting that it would defeat the purpose of the program, as well as complicate it.

Ryan Wanta stated a concern for the quality of artwork based on the examples provided.

Maria Mohr detailed a process for open art calls and selection based on her experience.

Director Ostrowski mirrored concerns on restricting artwork to the point of defeating the purpose of the program, which would be to get more people involved and bring more energy downtown for a fun event. He noted challenges with going through a rigorous proposal and selection process.

There was a general interest in pursuing a public art program in the downtown area, however it was requested that the program details be revisited with their feedback taken into account prior to being brought forth for action.

No action was taken.

8. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

March 06, 2019 – 2:00 PM

Police Department, Room 122
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481

PRESENT: Chairperson Beveridge, Alderperson Jennings, Commissioner Siebert, Commissioner Woehr, and Commissioner Debauche.

ALSO PRESENT: Director Ostrowski, Secretary Mohr, Alderperson Nebel, Joe Bachman, Brandi Makuski, Mark Kordus, Mary Ann Laszewski, and Greg Wright.

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1. Call to Order

Discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Report of the February 6 and 13, 2019 meetings
3. Request from the City of Stevens Point to create a downtown trash receptacle/planter artwork program
4. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

Present: Beveridge, Jennings, Siebert, Woehr, Debauche,

Excused: Scripps

Absent: McFarland

Discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Report of the February 6 and 13, 2019 meetings

Director Ostrowski stated Commissioner Debauche had a vote due to the absence of two commissioners.

Commissioner Woehr inquired if he should abstain from the agenda item as he had not been present for the February 13th meeting; however he noted that he had watched the video.

No concerns were stated with proceeding to vote.

Motion by Commissioner Siebert to approve the report of the February 6 and 13, 2019 HP/DRC; seconded by Chairperson Beveridge

Motion carried 5-0.

3. Request from the City of Stevens Point to create a downtown trash receptacle/planter artwork program

Director Ostrowski noted that the item had previously been on the agenda, with some discussion occurring during the last meeting. Since then staff had gone back to revisit the program based on the feedback provided. He noted that Greg Wright from CREATE Portage County, and Mark Kordus, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator for the Community Development Department, were in attendance to answer any additional questions or concerns. The ultimate goal, he stated, was to use the program as a way to bring residents and visitors to the Downtown. Changes to the program had

been outlined in the staff packet, and commissioners had several comments regarding the request as described below:

1. Inquiry to whether the trash receptacles were already in place, if they were city-owned, and if they were movable, to which staff confirmed yes to all.
2. Concern with the overall request, stating that the HP/DRC did not have the authority to review the request as the receptacles and planters did not fall under the category of a building or structure. It was also noted that a request regarding Emerson Park had gone before the Public Works Department, but it should have also come before the HP/DRC.
3. Inquiry as to whether business owners had been contacted, to which staff noted that they had not been as the program had not been officially finalized or established.
4. Positive comments regarding the addition of a selection committee.
5. Continued concern stated with quality of artwork that could be produced, especially with the strict design aesthetics of the Downtown. They referred to a previous public mural installation that had been approved, but that had not turned out as stated.
6. Inquiry as to who would cover the costs of repainting the receptacles and planters if the program did not excel or if the artwork was poor.
7. Suggestion of a trial period of one year, and having the program reevaluated to address any issues, to which staff stated a willingness to move forward as a trial.
8. Asked if the selection process for public art and commissioned work could be explained, to which Mr. Wright provided.
9. Inquiry as to how the success of the program would be measured, to which Mr. Wright indicated that they had several ways of tracking success, such as through social media, and trends seen by the Portage County Business Council, and the Downtown Council.
10. Commented on the portion that outlined that the winning piece would be made permanent, to which Mr. Wright noted that it was just one thought in how they could run the program and was not set in stone.
11. Comment that many communities went through the efforts of hiding or masking the bins, and if what they were doing to bring them out would be appropriate, to which Mr. Wright explained the benefits of having public engagement activities for the community.

There was a brief discussion on whether the HP/DRC had the authority to review the request, and why it was ultimately important for the commission to review it.

Greg Wright, CREATE Portage County, provided the following comments in regards to stated concerns:

1. The total number of bins had been reduced to allow for better quality control.
2. CREATE would provide some of their own resources to the program, as well as repaint bins as needed.
3. Program would be reevaluated every year to address issues.
4. Provided a summary of events for a previously approved interactive mural.
5. Stated an openness to a trial program, noting that CREATE would provide volunteer and labor efforts.
6. Statement of benefits of incorporating historic preservation with the modern day.

Aldersperson Nebel commended the efforts of attempting to attract more people to the Downtown, however she also stated concern with the quality of the artwork that may be produced. She agreed that the HP/DRC should have purview over the request.

Mary Ann Laszewski stated that the planters were already presenting a positive aesthetic with the flowers, noting that artwork may make them look too busy. Additionally, constant painting could cause maintenance concerns. Aldersperson Jennings noted Ms. Laszewski's comment as a valid point, stating that the horticulturalists provided their professionalism for the planters, and the example images provided did not do their work justice.

Mark Kordus, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator for the Community Development Department, explained that the examples provided stemmed from a quick Google image search and were not meant to convey a final product. He outlined the benefits of having a low cost, high reward program that could bring people downtown, as well as include residents in more public engagement activities.

Commissioner Debauche made a motion to approve the request from the City of Stevens Point to create a downtown trash receptacle/planter artwork program with the following;

- 1. The first year may only focus on the trash receptacles. Planters are to be excluded.**
- 2. Artwork must be removed or repainted if it does not meet program guidelines.**
- 3. The program must be revisited within one year for additional review.**

seconded by Commissioner Siebert

Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Woehr voting in the negative.

4. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.