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Meeting Minutes - Approved STATE STREET DESIGN PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 24, 2008

5:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
LL-130 (Madison Municipal Building)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff present: Chris Petykowski, Christy Bachmann, City Engineering; Archie Nicolette, Karin Wolf, Planning Division; and Jim Weinstock, Parks Division.

Present: 6 -

Michael W. Rewey; Ted Crabb; Michael E. Verveer; Eli Judge; Bruce F. Woods and Celia A. Klehr

Excused: 3 -

Brenda K. Konkel; Kenneth M. Streit and James C. Boll

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting of May 22, 2008

A motion was made by Judge, seconded by Klehr, to Approve the May 22, 2008 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(See public comments under agenda item 4.)

4. [11230](#)

Frances Plaza Public Art Recommendation of the Madison Arts Commission

Karin Wolf, Arts Administrator, gave an introduction and summary of the selection process.

Scott Thornton, Chair of the Frances Plaza Public Art Selection Committee summarized the Committee's discussions. He stated that the Committee's first choice was Tom Askman's design and the second choice was Myklebust + Sears' design.

Patty Elson, Chair of the Madison Arts Commission's Public Art Standing Committee and a member of the Selection Committee, stated that the Madison Arts Commission felt that Roger Stoller's and Howard Ben Tré's submittals were better choices for State Street, and that Stoller's piece would make a better gateway piece.

Kevin Lynch (4391 Crescent Road #4) spoke in support of Stoller's submittal. Rosemary Lee (111 W. Wilson Street) spoke in support of Askman's submittal. Jack Damer (2635 Mason) suggested bringing in a landscape architect to address the entire space. Mary Carbine (Madison Central BID) spoke in favor of the Selection Committee's recommendations. Connie Kilmark (1802 Winnebago Street) and Norma Sober (123 W. Washington Ave. #806) registered neither in support nor opposition.

Woods, who has an art background, stated as a landscape architect he feels that Myklebust + Sears' design best addresses the context. He felt that Askman's work could be anywhere and Stoller's piece doesn't say anything particular to Madison.

Rewey felt the Actualsize Artworks' proposal overwhelms the space, Howard Ben Tres' piece looked like a climbing pole, and Stoller's doesn't feel a piece of art for State Street. He also preferred Myklebust

+ Sears' design, but he requested they get rid of the four lakes and ask for two, and that the bronze be twice as big.

Petykowski stated that Engineering recommends not using a re-circulating fountain and distributed a memo outlining their concerns. A memo from the Planning Division was also distributed raising issues about scale, context, and maintenance. Woods asked whether the water could be used to water the trees on State Street.

Weinstock urged the Committee to consider future maintenance issues.

Judge expressed that his first concern was the safety of his constituents, especially between the hours of 2 a.m.-5 a.m. He feels that although Stoller's design is a beautiful piece, he has concerns about people climbing it and falling off. He thinks that the Myklebust + Sears piece will become contaminated. He stated that Actualsize Artworks' proposal is his first choice because of its great characterization of the State and Campus. He thinks that Askman's work is the safest.

Klehr appreciates that Myklebust + Sears are Wisconsin artists and will try to use local materials when possible.

Verveer asked questions about City Engineering's timeline and asked them to pour white concrete instead of asphalt. He also asked that the resolution to the Common Council include a caveat requesting additional details and refinements from the selected artist.

Verveer thanked the Madison Arts Commission for their work and reaffirmed his respect for their decision. He acknowledged that he had voted for Askman in the Frances Plaza Selection Committee meeting, but that he has been convinced that Myklebust + Sears is the most practical choice. It is a wonderful, interactive piece.

A motion was made by Klehr, seconded by Woods, to Refer to the COMMON COUNCIL for approval the design concept of Myklebust + Sears. Klehr added that she did not believe this choice was a compromise but had a genuine appreciation for it. The motion passed by the following vote:

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Ayes: 5 -

Michael W. Rewey; Ted Crabb; Michael E. Verveer; Bruce F. Woods and Celia A. Klehr

Noes: 1 -

Eli Judge

5. Gilman Street Reconstruction - Status & Discussion on Design Direction

Verveer stated that after listening to his constituents, there was overwhelming support for a one-way street, so he pulled the resolution from the Common Council agenda to have a two-way test for Gilman Street. This essentially will keep Gilman Street a one-way street.

Petykowski discussed creating a design for Gilman Street with a wider terrace of three-feet on each side of the street. Presently, the street is 38-feet; it would be reduced by six-feet to 32-feet. He mentioned that the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission asked for wider sidewalks instead of wider terraces. Rewey mentioned that there might not be much distinction between the terrace and the sidewalk because of the heavy pedestrian use and the terrace should not have grass. The Committee asked Engineering and Planning to proceed with designing Gilman Street and report back on the options.

Mary Carbine, representing the BID, commented that there are a lot of deliveries on the corner, and to make sure the street can maintain a safe traffic flow both at the corner of Broom and State Streets, and at University Avenue/Gilman Street. Petykowski stated that the contractor is a little ahead of schedule on the 500/600 blocks and that they are working toward having the sidewalks done before students

arrive in late August.

6. 500/600 Blocks - General Project Updates

Planning Staff made a brief presentation on newspaper vending with the potential of moving from a pre-bought newspaper vending rack to specifying a color and size for all newspaper vending within the ten designated sites. The Steering Committee likes the concept and wants staff to proceed in working with the City Attorney's Office and Ald. Verveer to implement the concept.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting

Future meetings: August 29, September 25, 2008. The Committee was asked to note these dates on their calendars.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.