

STREETSCAPE & ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Date: Monday, August 31, 2020

Present: Chairperson Ald. Art Woods (arrived at 6:42pm), Co-Chair

Alderman Peter Jakab, Linda Lucania, Mike Melone, Steve

Mikos, Mitchell Tau

Absent: Michael Curiale
Also Present: Gosia Pociecha

Meeting Convened at: 6:39 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Ald. Jakab as Chairman Pro-Temp called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ald. Jakab motioned to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mitchel Tau. The minutes were unanimously approved via voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Wind Sculptures – Final Recommendation

Ms. Gosia Pociecha presented a brief overview of the previous SEEC meetings during which the existing wind sculptures were discussed and a number of probable locations were identified. During the November 2019 meeting a recommendation was made to pursue installation of the sculptures at the vacant parcel containing at detention pond along Wood Dale Road and School Street. As the City staff has not been able to establish contact with the property owner of this parcel, the SEEC was asked to identify potential alternative locations. During the June 2020 meeting, three new locations were identified including the Clock Tower, vacant property to the north of Metra train tracks (just to the east of Wood Dale Rd), and the City Hall. Upon site visit of the identified locations, staff did not recommend installation of sculptures at the Clock Tower due to limited space or area north of the train tracks as that parcel is owned by Metra and reportedly may be used for staging. Staff recommended installation of the wind sculptures as follows: three (3) sculptures in front of the City Hall, three (3) at the entrance to Metra parking lot, and keeping three (3) sculptures in storage for future public garden at Wood Dale Rd (part of the 2013 Downtown Vision Plan). SEEC agreed with staff's recommendation on installation of wind sculptures at the City Hall and Metra train station, but was not in favor of keeping any sculptures in storage. Upon discussion of few potential locations, the



SEEC agreed that the remaining three (3) sculptures should be installed at the detention pond parcel located to at the south-east corner of Wood Dale Rd and Elizabeth, near the existing Wood Dale entry monument sign. A motion was made by Ald. Jakab and seconded by Mr. Mikos, recommending installation of the wind sculptures as follows:

- Three (3) medium sized sculptures in front of the City Hall
- Three (3) smaller sculptures in the grass area at the entrance to the Metra Parking lot
- Three (3) sculptures at the south-east corner of Wood Dale Rd and Elizabeth, near the Wood Dale monument sign

Further, all wind sculptures are recommended to be installed with color-changing LED lighting. The motion was approved via voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Future agenda items

Staff noted that the City is working with an applicant on completion of a Façade Improvement Grant application; pending presentation before SEEC is scheduled for September 14, 2020. Mr. Melone noted that some trees in the landscape islands near Front Street have not survived since planting, and should be replaced. He also mentioned that there is a tank with some wires in front of the Wood Dale Bowl and inquired about its purpose. Lastly, the topic of solar lights for entry signs was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Woods, and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Minutes taken by Gosia Pociecha Approved October 5, 2020