

# MINUTES

## MIDDLETON PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 2007 5:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Conhaim, Hassert, Sandrock, Hammes

**ABSENT:** Boswell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attoun

**1. Minutes of 9-20-07**

Moved by Hammes, seconded by Sandrock, to approve the minutes of 9-20-07. Motion carried.

**2. Middleton Rains (Hans Hilbert)**

Hilbert gave an overview of the Middleton Rains Program. The Middleton Rains Program is a matching grant program that allows individuals to apply for funds to acquire plants for their private rain gardens. Hilbert felt that these rain gardens could be an inspiration for artists. In addition, these rain gardens could be an opportunity for a 'Middleton Rain Gardens Tour' brochure, which the Arts Committee could collaborate in producing.

**3. Big Event Restaurant / Art Crawl (Val Steel)**

Steel was unable to attend the meeting. The Big Event Restaurant / Art Crawl subcommittee and Attoun will meet with Steel in the following week to get clarification on what the Art Committee's participation in the Big Event would entail.

**4. Web Design Progress and Updates (Megan)**

Boswell was unable to attend the meeting. Sandrock reported that she took several photographs of children's art to include in the website design. Attoun reported that she received the first bill from Tsela Barr.

**5. Public Art Master Plan (Abby)**

Attoun passed around a draft RFP for the hiring of a public art master plan consultant. The group agreed that they will look over the RFP and submit changes to Attoun within one week. Attoun will send the RFP to the four consultants recommended by Chris Manke, Wisconsin Arts Board and to any other consultants that Manke can suggest. Also, Attoun will ask Manke about whether the Arts Committee should include a budget in the RFP.

**6. Public Arts Ordinance (Rob)**

Conhaim passed around a copy of the draft public arts ordinance. If adopted, the ordinance will require that 2% of capital project funding goes to public art projects in Middleton. This will allow for the Arts Committee to incorporate public art into new municipal buildings at the time of development.

**7. Landscaping Photographs (Susi)**

Hassert brought several landscaping photographs. She expressed concern over placing a beautiful piece of artwork in a space, or along a corridor, that is poorly landscaped. The Committee spoke about the need for landscaping along the Allen Boulevard Corridor.

**8. Other Items**

None.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next meeting is planned for Thursday, November 29 at 5:30 pm.

Note: These minutes were prepared by Abby Attoun, Associate Planner. These minutes are based on the notes of the recorders and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting.