

MEETING AGENDA
PLYMOUTH REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

Plymouth City Hall
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM
128 Smith Street
Plymouth, WI 53073

Members Present:

____ Lee Gentine
____ Donna Hahn
____ John Nelson
____ Ronna O'Toole
____ Ken Pannier
____ Carole O'Malley

Staff:

____ Tim Blakeslee
____ Anna Voigt

Other:

The Plymouth Redevelopment Authority's mission is to serve as a catalyst for development which supports Plymouth as a welcoming place for the arts, entertainment, shopping, dining, working and living. The Authority has a particular interest in the physical revitalization of downtown Plymouth as an inviting atmosphere which encompasses not only buildings but also streetscapes, parking areas, signage, sidewalks, pedestrian lighting and green spaces including the River Walk corridor.

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 22, 2024 meeting
3. Brief RDA Fund Balance Update
4. Update on Revolving Loan Fund Program
5. Discussion and Direction on Pocket Park Statue
6. Communication – Letters, E-mails, or Reports Related to the Redevelopment Authority (Staff, Chairperson, Members etc.)
7. Adjournment

It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

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**MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

1. **Call to order and roll call:** Chairman Gentine called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Members present were Lee Gentine, Donna Hahn, John Nelson, Ronna O'Toole, and Carole O'Malley. Tim Blakeslee, Anna Voigt, Cami Deehr, and Patrick Cambell were also in attendance.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from the May 30, 2024 meeting:** Motion was made by Nelson/Hahn to approve the minutes from May 30. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.
3. **Brief RDA Fund Balance Update:** Blakeslee stated there has not been much change in the RDA Fund Balance since the last meeting.
4. **Update on Revolving Loan Fund Program:** Blakeslee stated there currently only 2 loans out and both are making their payments.
5. **Discussion and Direction on Pocket Park:** Blakeslee gave a brief overview on the pocket park. In May 2024 the RDA decided to create a subcommittee to discuss ways to get public input on a theme for the art space at the new pocket park. The subcommittee met in June and decided to get feedback from the public at Mill Street Festival on four general themes; Nature, Cheese Capital, Hub City and Family. A majority of people at Mill Street Festival liked the nature sculpture theme. RDA members O'Malley and Hahn stated that a lot of the people at Mill Street liked all of the ideas. The members agreed to take the nature theme and present ideas to the public to get more input.
6. **Communication – Letters, E-mails, or Reports Related to the Redevelopment Authority (Staff, Chairperson, Members etc.):** Nelson mentioned trying to get a sign saying this is the hometown of Governor Evers. Gentine mentioned there was a new art studio going in downtown called Greatlakes Airbrush. Nelson said the Farmers Market is now downtown at Stayer Park.
7. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by O'Malley/Nelson to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.



DATE: October 31, 2024

TO: RDA

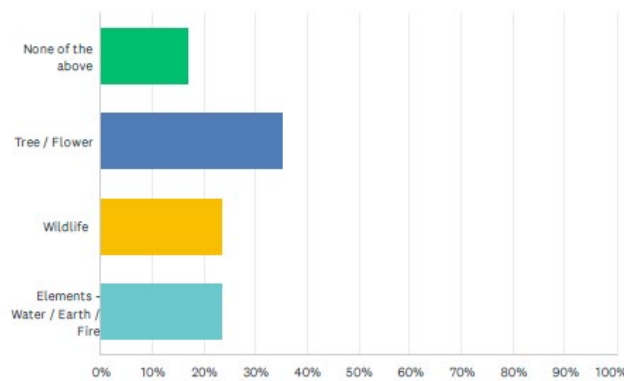
FROM: Tim Blakeslee, City Administrator/Utilities Manager




RE: Discussion regarding Artwork Installation for Pocket Park

Background: In June 2023, the former Strutz Financial building was demolished. By fall 2023, the RDA and the City had approved the installation of a new pocket park by Otter Creek. The park has now reached substantial completion, with the exception of a potential space designated for a future art installation. At the May 2024 RDA meeting, it was decided to create a subcommittee to discuss ways to get public input on a theme for the art space. The subcommittee met in June and decided to get feedback from the public at Mill Street Festival on four general themes (Nature, Cheese Capital, Hub City, Family). The respondents at the Mill Street Festival favored the “nature” theme.

In October 2024 an online survey was done to narrow down the “nature” theme. The results of the survey are below. Discussion at the RDA meeting should focus on discussing and determining next steps regarding a solicitation for artists for the space and a maximum amount for solicitation.

Recommendation: Discussion and direction regarding artwork Installation for Pocket Park



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	17.14%	78
 Tree / Flower	35.38%	161
 Wildlife	23.74%	108
 Elements - Water / Earth / Fire	23.74%	108
TOTAL		455