

Village of Bellaire

PROPERTY & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Butch Dewey, Chairman

Daniel Bennett

Helen Schuckel

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Dewey called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Attendance**
 - Present:** Chairman Dewey & Helen Schuckel. Dan Bennett arrived at 1:10 p.m.
 - Absent:** None
 - Staff Present:** Janet Koch, Clerk
 - Also Present:** Mary Ellen Murphy, Rachel Krino and Tom Brown from Parkside Arts Council; Brad Kik from ISLAND
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
 - Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Dewey, to approve the agenda as presented.**
 - Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.
 - Motion by Dewey, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the minutes of July 25, 2013 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.
6. **Old Business**
 - a) **Parkside Arts Council** – Brad Kik of ISLAND said he didn't see a sensible business plan that made sense to pay \$5400 a year, but they would like to continue to use the space in one form or another.

Krino of Parkside Arts Council (PAC) said they'd received some funding, but it was for programming and marketing, not for rent purposes. She added that while the new funding did free up some monies for rent, they weren't confident of their ability to pay the contracted rent amount of \$450 per month from August until February, the date on which ISLAND could take over as primary leaseholder.

Krino mentioned three grant possibilities that could be pursued for joint applications with the village and PAC and ISLAND, but that those grants would be for building improvements, not operational expenses.

ISLAND proposed that in February, the gallery would become office, workshop, and library space for ISLAND with perhaps a PAC gift shop area. From August through January, PAC could commit to paying a monthly rental of \$225.

Krino said the funding they'd just received for marketing included funding for new signage and that she had ideas for improved signage for the community hall.

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Bennett said he liked the idea of ISLAND taking over in February. Kik said there was still a question of income, that they would need to hold events for which they could charge admission.

Krino said the struggle that they're having is that the community hall is known as where you pay your water bill, that no one pays attention to it on the street, that no one thinks of it as anything more than government offices. Part of the transition is how to rebrand the building, so that the village still maintains its functionality, but that PAC is bringing it back to the people. Krino said they have a lot of ideas, and if the council is supportive of their ideas, that they'd like to go a little crazy, that they have a lot of interesting ideas regarding space use, specifically outside use to bring people in.

Kik said the best possibility they have of making the rent every month is being able to use the community room space for revenue-making events like the yoga instruction.

Dewey asked PAC and ISLAND to make a presentation to council at the upcoming council meeting. Krino asked if they would need to make a full presentation. Koch said the rent issue would be key and added that \$450 of rent was due that day. She also said that the lease currently states that if the rent isn't paid within 10 days of the first of the month, that they're considered in default, and that council will have to make a decision regarding that contract. Krino said she'll know better by next Wednesday.

Bennett suggested that if PAC or ISLAND have any drawings regarding any proposals, that they bring them to the council meeting on Wednesday.

The committee did not make a recommendation to council.

7. **New Business:** None presented.
8. **Discussion:** Bennett asked if Koch had discussed the clearing of the end of Harbor Street with the DPW. Koch said that Stead had stated he could fairly easily clear a four to six-foot wide path, but that she didn't know what his time frame might be.
9. **Communication/Informational:** None presented.
10. **Closing Member/Public Comments:** None presented.
11. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Compiled by Janet Koch, Clerk

Approved: _____
Butch Dewey, Chair

Date: _____