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Meeting Minutes - Final

Planning Heritage and Design Commission

Monday, September 30, 2024 | **4:30 PM** | **City Hall, Room 205**

Call To Order

Mayor Mason called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 4 - Mayor Mason, Jones, Hefel and Peete

EXCUSED: 2 - Kohlman and Chambers

Approval of Minutes for the September 16, 2024 Meeting.

A motion was made by Hefel, seconded by Jones, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

0840-24 **Subject:** Consideration of a request from Tom Molbeck, the Director of Park Recreation and Cultural Services Department, for design review for the installation of a donated statue at 425 Lake Avenue.

Attachments: Design Review
Recommendation
Applicant Submittal

Steven Madsen, Planning Manager, explained the request. He showed an image of the statue to be donated by the Potawatomi Nation – the "Fire Keeper" –and its proposed location off Kipikawi Causeway in the center of the Festival Park area. Madsen stated that staff is recommending approval of the request, subject to conditions a. – c.

Mayor Mason gave additional context to the statue. He stated the street name was changed to Kipikawi Causeway in 2020; the land was all Potawatomi Land. Mayor Mason explained that Kipikawi is the Potawatomi word for "root". He stated that the Potawatomi Nation asked to donate the statue – the "Fire Keeper" - to the City of Racine and the Finance and Personnel Committee approved to receive the donation at their last meeting in September.

Mason asked Jeff Hintz, Assistant Director, to explain the responsibilities of the Commission regarding design review.

Hintz explained the Commission's duties when it came to design review requests in the downtown.

Hefel asked for clarification on where the statue would be placed and if it would go on a platform or sit in the grassy area.

Tom Molbeck, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, explained that he

was working with the Potawatomi on respectful placement of the statue and explained that the statue could not face north.

Regarding downtown design review, Madsen stated that there are a list of guidelines that staff considers when doing the review.

Discussion after the motion:

Mason stated that the statue would be dedicated on October 24, 2024. Molbeck stated the cement for the statue would be installed the week of October 7, 2024.

A motion was made by Hefel, seconded by Peete, to approve the request subject to conditions a. – c. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.