CITY OF ONALASKA MEETING NOTICE

COMMITTEE/BOARD: **Great River Landing Committee**

DATE OF MEETING: December 14, 2017 (Thursday)

PLACE OF MEETING: City Hall – 415 Main Street (Rm 112)

TIME OF MEETING: 5:15 p.m.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meetings.
3. Public Input (limited to 3 minutes/individual).

Consideration and possible action on the following items:

4. Update regarding the La Crosse Community Foundation Grant application for the Great River Landing.
5. Consideration of Public Art at the Great River Landing.
6. Adjournment.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that members of the Common Council of the City of Onalaska who do not serve on the Great River Landing Committee may attend this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making responsibility.

Therefore, further notice is hereby given that the above meeting may constitute a meeting of the Common Council and is hereby noticed as such, even though it is not contemplated that the Common Council will take any formal action at this meeting.

NOTICES MAILED TO:

Mayor Joe Chilsen	*Debbie Clarkin – Long Range Planning Rep
Ald. Jerry Every	*Victor Hill – Parks and Rec. Rep
Ald. Jim Olson	*Mary Cody
Ald. Jim Binash	*John Burnett - Vice Chair
Ald. Bob Muth	*Vacant – Room Tax Rep.
Ald. Ron Gjertsen	*Joe Etten
*Ald. Harvey Bertrand	*Erik Sjolander - Chair
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City Attorney City Administrator	Community Development Authority Members
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Great River Landing
City of Onalaska

September 26, 2017

Dear Committee,

After reading the minutes of the meeting of 8/24/2017 from the Great River Landing Committee, I would like to make a proposal to the committee.

First, let me say how much I appreciate Harvey Bertrand's energy and commitment to getting a discussion begun about the possibility of a sculpture for the large planter at the Great River Landing at the end of Main Street. He has a true passion for this project.

I also have a passion for this project and would like to ask the committee to make a motion that a committee be formed to investigate unique ideas for a sculpture. I would be happy to be the chairman, and would like to have a committee of about 9 people. I feel this committee should be comprised of 3 artists, a Great River Landing Committee member, 4 Onalaska residents, and 1 Onalaska High School Art Student.

My plan would be to convene for a 1-2 hour mini idea sketch meeting. We would hope to start out the meeting by presenting a short slide show of distinct sculptures other cities have installed. This will get creative juices flowing. Then we would break down into 3 groups, each headed up by one of the artists, and we brainstorm ideas by drawing on large pads, multiple things that might be unique to Onalaska for a sculpture. At the end we will meet as a large group and discuss and fine tune the ideas. At this time, we would be able to present the Great River Landing with our ideas, narrow them down and finalize with a bid process.

My hopes, like Harvey Bertrand's wishes, are the following:

1. That the sculpture will be designed and built, material wise, to last for "eternity," with only minor maintenance.
2. That the sculpture will be a sculpture reflecting the surroundings and the setting.
3. That it be a tribute to "life" we experience at the park.
3. It should be consistent with the park architecture.
4. And this is the most important, that it be something unique to Onalaska. That when you see this sculpture, you know it represents Onalaska.

I am confident that the committee will work to come up with a creative and unique idea, and I will also commit to helping with any fundraising efforts to help get the sculpture built, installed and marking Onalaska with great art and a unique identity.

Sincerely,
Joyce Diveley