

CITY OF OKOBOJI
MINUTES OF THE CITY OF OKOBOJI BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021 – 6:00 PM

The Board of Adjustment for the City of Okoboji met on the above date at 6:00PM at the Okoboji City Hall (1322 Highway 71 N., Okoboji, Iowa 51355). Board Members present were Owen Primavera, Steven Dulin, Dan Sanders, Barbara Liesveld (by telephone). Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, John Barrow, Michelle Goodenow, Ruth Ann Burke, and Michael Burke.

Board Member Owen Primavera chaired the meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Dulin and a second by Board Member Liesveld– to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Adjustment meeting held on March 31, 2021. The following Board Members voted “YEA”: Primavera, Dulin, Sanders, Liesveld.

Chairman Primavera opened a public hearing to consider a variance request from the Okoboji Summer Theatre to paint a mural on the east side of the Boji Bantam Theatre. The proposed sign is in violation of Section 13.3.3 of the City of Okoboji Zoning Code.

Chairman Primavera read aloud all the pertinent information pertaining to this variance request.

City Administrator Meyers commented that there were no letters in opposition and that there were seven letters in support from the Pearson Lakes Art Center, Imagine Iowa Great Lakes, Butch Parks, John Barrow, Frankie Barrow, Rich Nicklay, and Kate Mendenhall.

Ruth Ann Burke, Executive Director of the Okoboji Summer Theatre, spoke in favor of the proposed mural. Burke advised that this does nothing but enhance the property. Burke felt it was lively and inviting and tied in well with their property and their relationship with the Pearson Lakes Art Center.

Michelle Goodenow, Executive Director of Imagine Iowa Great Lakes, gave a detailed overview of the process and material that is being proposed to be used. Goodenow felt this would be something the Okoboji Summer Theatre, Imagine Iowa Great Lakes, and the City of Okoboji would all be proud of.

Michael Burke, clarified that the previously existing Boji Bantam signage would not be reinstalled on the east portion of the structure.

Board Member Dulin advised that he felt as though the ordinances governing murals may be considered for review by the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chairperson Primavera commented that there are no words or direct advertisement included in the mural.

Goodenow advised that the artist is under contract to maintain touch up and other work on the mural for the next two years. R.A. Burke advised they had concern about how the elements would hold up in the winter, which is why they extended two years to observe over winters.

Chairperson Primavera closed the public hearing.

Board Member Sanders advised he likes the concept and the design and agreed with Board Member Dulin that the Code should be reviewed to better define and regulate murals.

Motion made by Board Member Liesveld and a second made by Board Member Sanders to approve the variance. The following Board Members voted "YEA": Primavera, Sanders, Dulin, Liesveld. Motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT.

Michael Meyers
City Administrator
City of Okoboji