

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION: R.O. No. 106-21-22, submitting a communication from Dr. Toby Watson requesting permission to place four donated pianos with winter covers on city right-of-way at various locations in the downtown and riverfront to continue to foster Sheboygan's placemaking strategy to activate city streets.

REPORT PREPARED BY: Chad Pelishek, Director of Planning and Development

REPORT DATE: November 16, 2021

MEETING DATE: November 23, 2021

FISCAL SUMMARY:

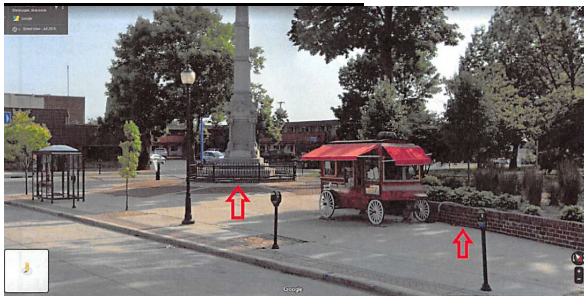
Budget Line Item:
Budget Summary: N/A
Budgeted Expenditure: N/A
Budgeted Revenue: N/A

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes: N/A
Municipal Code: N/A

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS: Dr. Toby Watson has contacted City Development staff about his interest in placing pianos along the street to bring music to the streets. The pianos would be provided free of charge and would include winter covers so they could stay on the street year-round. They would have screw eye hooks and chains to be attached to permanent structures to make sure they are not removed. Six locations around the city have been identified:

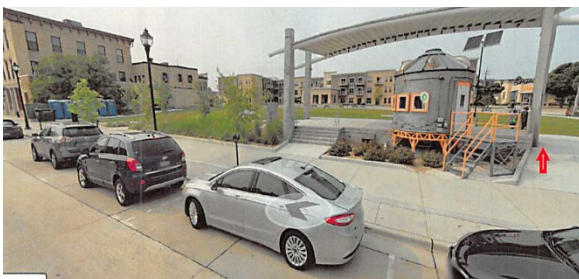
Fountain Park Monument



Corner of N. 8th and Wisconsin Ave.



City Green stage



434 South Pier Drive



900 Broughton Drive



501-509 N. 8th Street



Mr. Watson would schedule tuning of the pianos in spring of each year. The only thing the City would need do is install and remove the winter covers. Public Works staff or Parking Utility staff could handle this a part of their cleanup of the downtown/riverfront.

STAFF COMMENTS: Picture below shows the four pianos currently being painted. City Development staff support this project as another means of activating our streets.



ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to recommend the Common Council accept the placement of four donated pianos with winter covers on city right-of-way at various locations in the downtown and riverfront to continue to foster Sheboygan's placemaking strategy to activate city streets.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. R.O. No. 160-21-22