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R. O. No. 106 - 21 - 22. By DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.
November 15, 2021

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.

The Department of Public Works and the Public Works committee shall identify the preferred locations of the pianos. The locations proposed include:

- Fountain Park Monument
- Corner of N. 8th Street and Wisconsin Avenue
- City Green stage
- 434 South Pier Drive (public walkway)
- 900 Broughton Drive (public shelter by memorial)
- 501-509 N. 8th Street

Dr. Watson would hire a piano tuner yearly to tune the pianos in the spring. City staff would be responsible for putting on and taking off the winter covers.

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Pelishek, Chad

From: Toby Watson <tobytylerwatson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:10 PM
To: Sokolowski, Steve; Pelishek, Chad; Toby Watson
Subject: Music in the streets- Piano Donation

Good day Chad and Steve,

Here are the four locations that might work for the painted pianos (see attached photos corresponding to the narrative below).

I have a group of volunteers meeting next week to finish the weather tight preparation work and the painting of the pianos. I will then donate the pianos to the City, the Kohler Arts Center, the Children's Museum or another non profit, along with the Winter covers. I can place them in the desired locations and have them secured in those locations with a stainless steel eye hook and cable to the back of the piano. With the Winter covers there would be no need to move the pianos once in place. I envision the City of Sheboygan groundskeeping removing the covers in Spring and reapplying them in Fall. I will coordinate a piano tuner to tune them each Spring.

Here are a few ideas for locations, with corresponding photos attached:

1) Fountain Park monument (1013 N. 8th St., Sheboygan). The piano would face the sidewalk, and there will be 2 eye hooks to the rear of the piano, so they can be cable secured to the iron fence. Otherwise, it could be secured to the brick planter wall with a tapcon eye hook.

2) The corner of N. 8th Street and Wisconsin Ave. (800 N. 8th St., Sheboygan)

, where there is a concrete seating area. The piano would back up to the back side of the bench, and again, could be fastened to the concrete with a simple eye hook tapcon. Each piano will have these eye hooks and a stainless steel cable and keylock (given to the city).

3) Alternatively, it could be placed at 738 New York Ave., Sheboygan. This is the sound stage park on the North side of the street. It could be secured by an eye hook tapcon to the base of the east side of the stage area.

4) 434 S. Pier Drive, Sheboygan. This is the walkway between the ice cream store and Lino's Italian restaurant. Placement would be up against a light pole, and again, a single stainless steel cable could secure the piano around the base of the pole.

5. 900 Broughton Drive, Sheboygan. This just south of the beach, and just north of the Hmong and Lao memorial. The piano would be secured by the cable around one of the shelter posts or an eye hook to a post.

6. 501-509 N. 8th St., Sheboygan. This is a vacant lot I own, and donate to the Kohler Art Center for an art feature. The piano would be secured to the side wall via an eyehook tapcon.

If you need more ideas for locations, let me know.

Toby

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