



OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Wausau Arts Commission
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Maple Room
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Mara Mullen (C) Tom Fleming
Andrew Wiskowski Keith Montgomery
Sean Wright
Shannon Pueschner

1 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

September 15, 2025 Regular Wausau Arts Commission Minutes

2 Discussion and possible action.

a. Approving a sculpture at the southeast corner of 3rd Street and Washing Street (T.Wall)

3 Discussion.

- a. Review on purpose of the commission (WMC 2.60.280(a)) and recent efforts.
- b. Update on current projects - Logger sculpture in Riverlife

4 Adjournment.

Mara Mullen, Chair

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WAUSAU ARTS COMMISSION

Time and Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Tom Fleming, Sarah Watson, Keith Montgomery, Shannon Pueschner, Alora Koval
Members Not Present: Mara Mullen, Sean Wright
Others Present: Brad Lenz, Doug Diny

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Welcome and Introductions

Lenz called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 p.m. and introductions were made.

Approve minutes of October 15, 2024 meeting

Motion by Montgomery, second by Watson to approve the minutes. Motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on recommending the city's next Poet Laureate

Lenz reviewed the RFP and resolution which created the Poet Laureate program and the process of selecting an applicant. The City received two applications which the subcommittee reviewed and unanimously selected Mai Kao Hang as their recommendation with Barry Liss being recommended as the alternate.

Montgomery made a motion to recommend Mai Kao Hang as the Poet Laureate to the Economic Development committee. Fleming seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on approving new sculpture in RiverLife

Lenz reviewed the sculpture proposal. The sculpture will be paid for by the Walter Alexander Foundation and they are requesting that the City maintain the sculpture, relocate landscaping from the site and run electricity to the site. Lenz clarified that cleaning of the bronze sculpture would be one of the maintenance items required. Currently the Parks Department cleans the bronze sculptures in Wausau but may consider an outside vendor if the number of sculptures continue to increase.

The commission noted that they hoped that there will be a more realistic look to the water and logs as well as suggested the human figure is historically accurate. Staff will pass along the commission's comments to the foundation.

Fleming made a motion to approve sculpture. Montgomery seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Next meeting date

Future meeting date to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Fleming; seconded by Watson. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



May 11, 2026

To: Wausau Arts Commission and Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Re: Foundry on 3rd - Request for Sculpture Installation in Right-of-Way

Dear Commissioners and Committee Members:

I am writing to request approval to install a heart sculpture within the public right-of-way at the location identified in the attached exhibits.

The proposed sculpture is intended to serve as a welcoming public art feature that enhances the character of the Foundry on 3rd development and contributes to the vibrancy of the surrounding downtown area. The location has been selected to complement pedestrian activity while maintaining safe and appropriate use of the right-of-way. The sculpture will sit on a base measuring 15 inches wide by 60 inches long.

For your review, we have included the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A – Proposed Sculpture Location
- Exhibit B – Sculpture Design
- Exhibit C – Street View of Proposed Location

We will work closely with City staff to ensure all applicable requirements are met, including permitting and installation standards. T. Wall Enterprises will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the sculpture considerations.

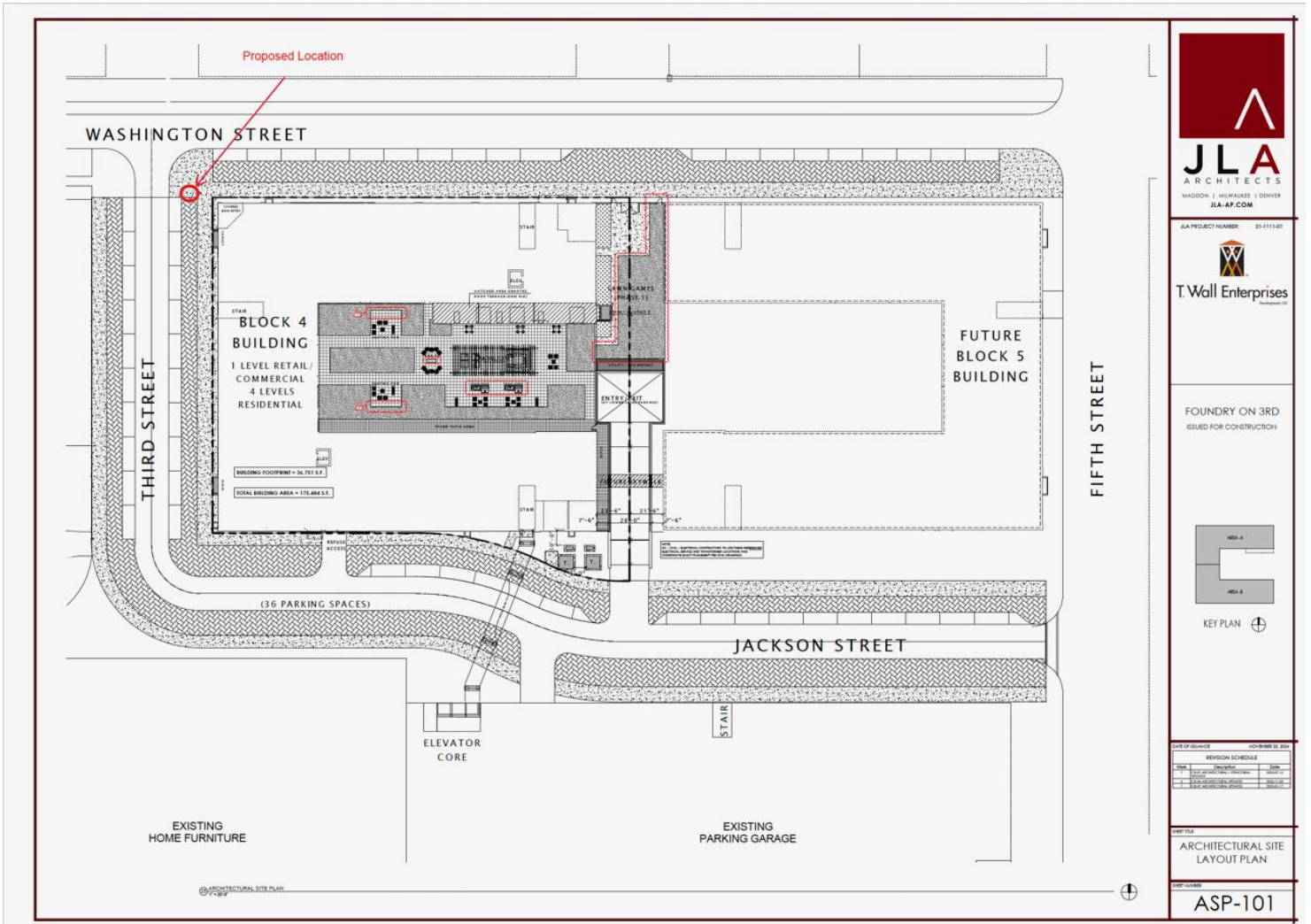
Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let us know if any additional information is needed to support your review.

Sincerely,

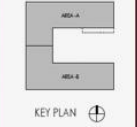
Nick Patterson
Development Manager
Foundry on 3rd Ph 1, LLC

FOUNDRY on 3rd

Exhibit A



FOUNDRY ON 3RD
ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION



NO.	REVISION	DATE
1	ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION	NOVEMBER 16, 2016

ARCHITECTURAL SITE LAYOUT PLAN

ASP-101

Exhibit B



**FOUNDRY
on 3rd**

Exhibit 3



2.60.280 Wausau Arts Commission.

- (a) *Purpose.* The arts are an intrinsic expression of human life. Thriving communities enjoy shared experiences of diverse and abundant arts and culture. Arts investments create jobs, leverage private gifts, build a sense of place, invite tourism, revitalize neighborhoods, attract creative people, cultivate democracy, preserve cultural legacy, generate local tax revenue, and enhance our quality of life. The Wausau Arts Commission exists to advise the Wausau City Council on the planning, programming, procurement, installation, operations and maintenance of public visual art projects and artworks.
- (b) *Definition.* "Commission" means the Wausau Arts Commission.
- (c) *Structure.* The commission shall be staffed by the Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development and shall assist and work with the Economic Development Committee, as well as the committees of the Common Council, as needed.
- (d) *Composition.*
 - (1) *Commission membership.* The commission shall consist of seven members, including one Alderperson. The remaining members shall be citizen members who are Wausau residents and are actively involved as a member of Wausau's art community. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.
 - (2) *Terms.* The terms of all commission members shall be for three years or until their successors are qualified. However, the term of the Aldermanic member shall expire with the expiration of her/his term as Alderperson, and the members appointed to the first term following the effective date of this ordinance shall be appointed to staggered terms. Two members shall serve an initial term of one year, two shall serve an initial term of two years, and two shall serve an initial term of the full three years. No member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. However, the members appointed to the first term after the effective date of this ordinance who serve an initial term of less than three years, and any member appointed to fill the unexpired term of a former member, shall be eligible to serve two full consecutive three-year terms thereafter.
- (e) *Commission authority.* The commission shall have the following powers and duties in advising the Mayor and the Common Council:
 - (1) Establish and administer guidelines and procedures for securing and distributing grants, and securing private funding for art purchases;
 - (2) Implement the City's art program, including but not limited to a review and selection process for purchasing, commissioning, and siting works of art;
 - (3) Advise municipal efforts to engage artists and creative workers and the community in a broad range of civic initiatives;
 - (4) Coordinate and support efforts to unite and focus municipal programs and services as they relate to the arts and cultural activities.

(Ord. 61-5775 § 2(part), 2018, File No. 18-0304)