

# MEMO

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: Wes Anway, Interim Director of Public Works**

**SUBJECT: Mill St. Bike Rack Proposal**

**DATE: March 17, 2020**

## **BACKGROUND**

This proposal was brought to the City of Cannon Falls Public Works Commission on 3/2/2020. This proposal is a partnership with Bike Cannon Falls, Goodhue County Public Health and the City of Cannon Falls. The proposal is to place an artistic bike rack in the shape of a sleeping cow in the first parking stall on the north side of Mill St. West, just west of 4<sup>th</sup> St. North. The bike rack would roughly be 6' by 8' and 4' tall. Bike rack would be removed in the fall so that it does not affect the snow removal of downtown and would be reset in the spring. The proposal asked for Public Works staff to remove, store, and reset. In reading the proposal Bike Cannon Falls would be applying for a reimburse grant. This grant would require the City to make the payment and immediately be reimbursed. The PW Commission made a motion to move forward with proposal and revisit the placement after a year and if need be find a different spot to place the bike rack.

## **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Approve the proposal from Bike Cannon Falls and Goodhue County Public Health.

### Attachments:

Proposal from Bike Cannon Falls

Map of proposed location

Pictures of Clay Sculpture

## Public Art / Bike Rack Proposal

From: Bike Cannon Falls

Bike Cannon Falls is a group of bicycle enthusiasts who live in Cannon Falls, working with David Anderson of Goodhue County Public Health towards the following mission:

1. Increase the number of students riding bikes to and from school, and residents biking to and from work.
2. Increase the number of kids, families and seniors riding bikes to other events / destinations in Cannon Falls
3. Increase the number of visitors and residence biking to local businesses.

The Bike Cannon Falls group has been meeting for over two years, collecting information regarding the “bikeability” of Cannon Falls, educating about bike safety and providing various incentives to encourage more biking in Cannon Falls. Currently we are working on a kick off event that will promote National Bike Month (May) and encourage more people to get out on their bikes.

In conjunction with this kick off event on April 30th, we would like to unveil a community bike rack with a public art component on Mill Street. Similar projects (without the arts component) have been successfully installed in various communities in Minnesota, including Albert Lea, Battle Lake, Duluth, Moose Lake, Pine Island, Red Wing, Rochester, Zumbrota, etc. Because we have an active arts community in Cannon Falls, we decided adding the public art component would be well received.

The funding of this project would rely on a partnership with the city and our Bike Cannon Falls group. Upon approval from the city, we will apply for grants that would cover all or most of the costs. That said, we welcome a contribution from the city as well. We would rely on the city as partner because the grants we are looking at are “reimburse” grants, meaning the city would make the payment and immediately be issued reimbursement. We would also be obtaining “in kind” donation of most materials from ArtOrg and possible contribution from local organizations like Cannon Arts Board

The Bike Cannon Falls group is working with Dave Machacek of ArtOrg and Juan Jose Palacios (local artist) in all aspects of design. The description that follows has been submitted by them and it is with enthusiasm that Bike Cannon Falls presents it to you for approval.

## Bike Rack turned “Bike Rock”:

ArtOrg proposes a unique project that serves as both a bike rack and public art. It will be called the “Bike Rock Project”. The basic idea is to build on our experience working with similar sculptural projects such as “The Five Sculpture Project” and the “Seat Suite Project” (as seen on the ArtOrg website [www.artorg.info](http://www.artorg.info)) and also our experience with artist collaborations.

Artists would individually design each Bike Rock and that design would embody ideas that consider specific installation locations. The first proposed site is in front of 402 Mill Street W in Cannon Falls, near CannonBelles Coffee and Ice Cream. This site would take up the first parking space in a line of diagonal parking spots on the street, but also include the triangle extending to the sidewalk, as defined by the very start of the first parking space (see diagram). A possible design for this location could be a sleeping cow (see model - artist Kari Alberg).

(The Bike Cannon Falls group has selected this location because of it’s visibility and the idea of “sharing the road” with bikes.)

The sculpture must be robust and strong and anticipate usage by the general public. Our previous sculptural projects of this type have established a good history, insofar as they are generally stored outside in all seasons and weather (seen on ArtOrg property), and have been displayed in a field during a month long stay at The Neil Farm near Castle Rock.

(The Bike Cannon Falls group and the design team anticipate the need for winter removal and storage of “The Rock” for snow plowing purposes)

In this project, we must also foresee installation, transport and security. We believe to have design ideas to facilitate transportation and installation of the Bike Rock. We also should foresee need for signage and “extras”. Leveling feet might be nice to have under the Rock.

Possible “extras” to The Bike Rock may include:

1. Information case with maps and notices,
2. Interpretive panel could give context to nearby flora and fauna,
3. Digital panel could provide more programmable or interactive content,
4. Rubbing plates for artistic experience built in.

Budget for “Sleeping Cow Bike Rock”

\$0 Materials - ArtOrg in kind value \$1500

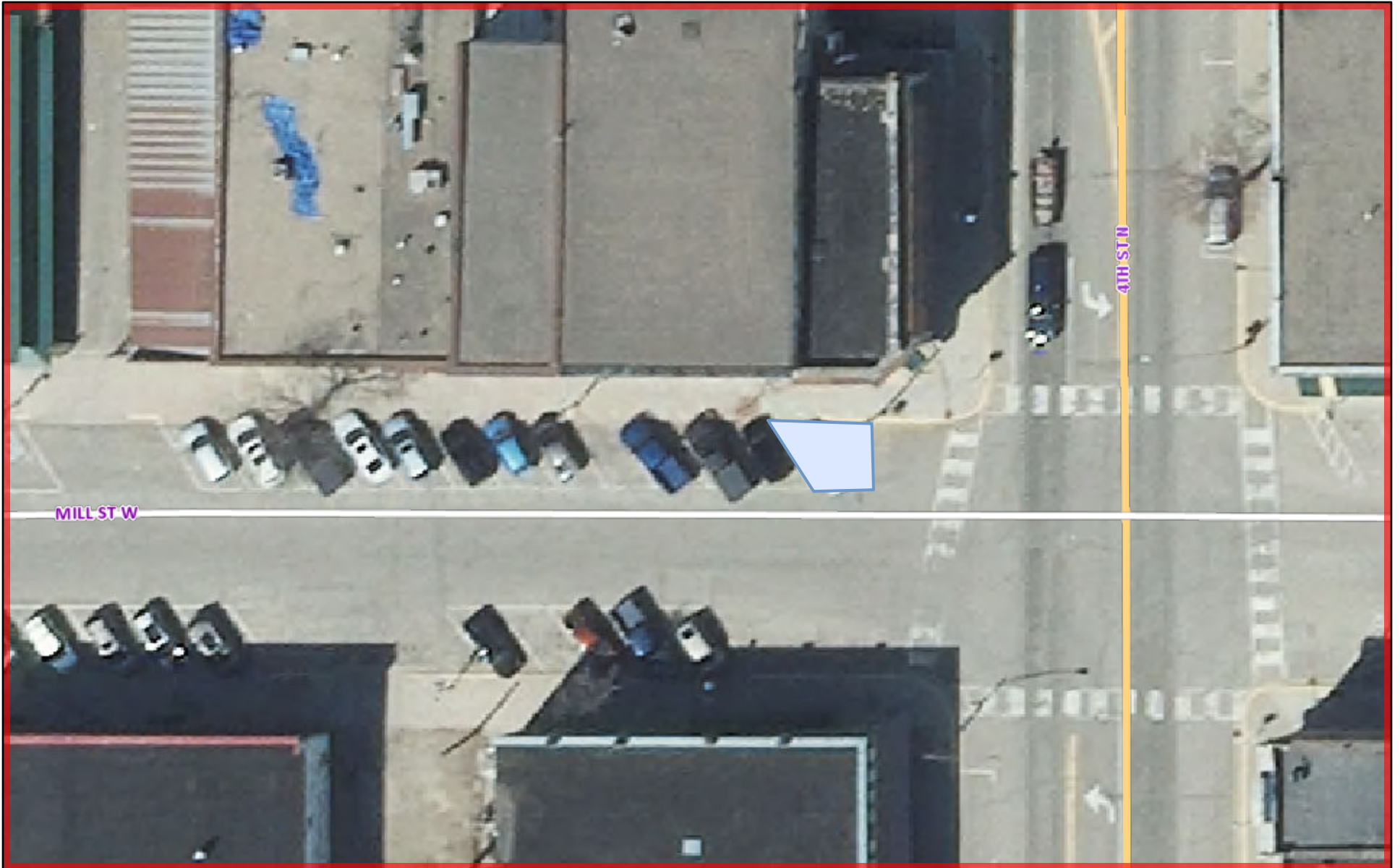
\$2500 Production of artwork by Juan Palacios (carving, meshing, coating, coloring)

\$2500 Production of internal and external framework (BJM, MP, or JML etc)

\$ Remainder to artist or next Bike Rock in location to be determined

Total projected = \$5000

# ArcGIS WebMap



March 10, 2020

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| Township or Other Roads | Major Roads 1,200 | County Roads 1,200    | Township or Other Roads |
| Township or Other Roads | US Highway        | County Roads - Gravel | Township or Other Roads |
| Township or Other Roads | State Highway     | County Roads - Paved  | Parcels                 |

