



## **AMENDED AGENDA**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 4 pm**

**Neenah City Hall**

**Council Chambers**

- I. Public appearances
- II. Approve minutes from May 14, 2025
- III. Upcoming events in Neenah and Announcements
- IV. Statue at Doty Park - Action Item**
- V. Statue at Riverside Park – Action Item**
- VI. Farmers Market Dates - June 28 (Farm Animals) and September 27  
(Children's Books) **Volunteers Needed**
- VII. CommunityFest Friday, July 4 Ribbons and Bead Bracelets  
**Volunteers Needed**
- VIII. National Night Out - Tuesday, August 5 - Variety of projects  
**Volunteers Needed**
- IX. Very Neenah Christmas - NEW Weekend Event
- X. Website updates
- XI. Future agenda items - 2025 Project Brainstorming, Community Outreach
- XII. Next Meeting Date Wednesday, July 9 - **Neenah City Hall Council Chambers**
- XIII. Adjournment

*Neenah Arts Council Mission ~ Promoting & Enhancing the Arts for All*



## *Department of Parks & Recreation*

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**TO:** Neenah Arts Council Chair Erickson and Members

**FROM:** Michael T. Kading, Director of Parks & Recreation *mtk*

**DATE:** May 29, 2025

**RE:** Doty Park – Sculpture Placement

Doty Island Community Partners (DICP) has requested permission to place a statue in Doty Park to honor the long history of students and teachers who attended or taught at Roosevelt School. DICP has previously approached the hospital regarding placing it there but was denied.

The Parks & Recreation Commission has reviewed the request, approved the placement, and directed staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with DICP.

As part of the approval process, the Department requests placement on the Neenah Arts Council agenda to make members aware of the proposed sculpture placement within the park system.

Attached you will find an image of the proposed sculpture and verbiage for the proposed plaque and a map of the proposed location (just west of the Doty Cabin).

DICP President Flo Bruno and I plan to attend the next Arts Council meeting to present and answer any questions the Arts Council may have.

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"Roosevelt School was a special place to teach. It was beloved by past and present Doty Island families. The school-community relationship was unlike any I had experienced in my 27 years of teaching." (Roosevelt School teacher)

"This place is beginning to feel like a distant memory. I know it helped shape me into the man I am now." (Roosevelt School pupil)

"How precious are the children I taught." (Roosevelt School teacher)

"The friends and memories I made at Roosevelt Elementary will last me a lifetime." (Roosevelt School pupil)

Roosevelt was certainly a very friendly, happy, neighborhood school that will be remembered by all who entered.



LINCOLN ST.

Appex Location





## *Department of Parks & Recreation*

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**TO:** Neenah Arts Council Chair Erickson and Members

**FROM:** Michael T. Kading, Director of Parks & Recreation

**DATE:** June 9, 2025

**RE:** Riverside Park – Sculpture Placement

Permission has been requested to place a statue in Riverside Park. A bronze statue of Davey Crocket is being proposed to be placed at the southeast corner of the park (Wisconsin Ave/N. Park Street). The current concrete pad will be expanded to include an additional bench, a plaque and the statue. The current bench will be rotated to fit the site.

The Parks & Recreation Commission will review the request during the June 19 Commission meeting.

As part of the approval process, the Department requests placement on the Neenah Arts Council agenda to make members aware of the proposed sculpture placement within the park system.

Attached you will find an image of the proposed sculpture and a site plan of the proposed location

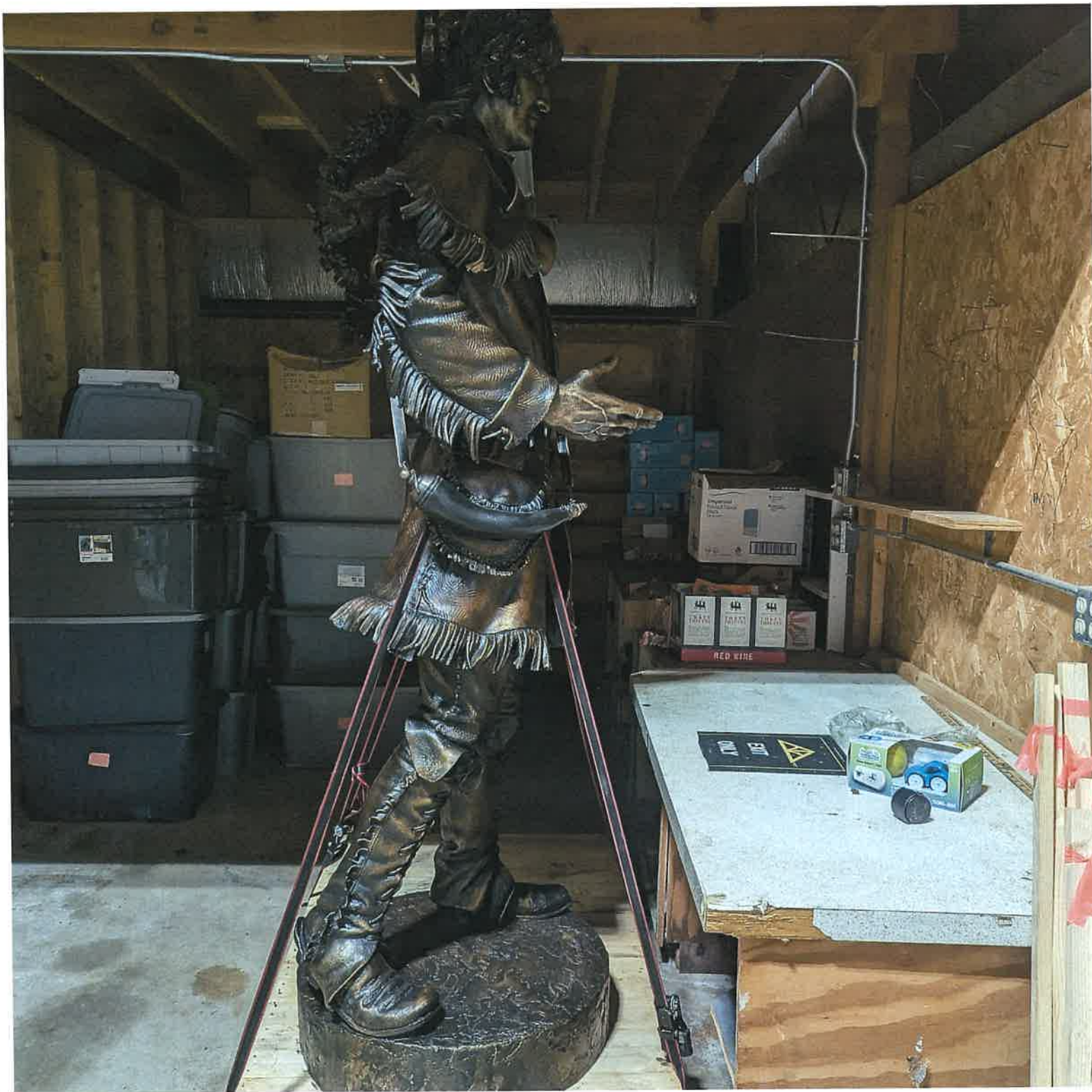
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SITE PLAN



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DATE: 8/22/2015  
BY: [Signature]  
CHECKED BY: [Signature]

REVISIONS	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	8/22/2015	Initial Design

A NEW STATUE AT:  
**RIVERSIDE PARK**  
NEENAH, WI

PROJECT: Riverside Park Statue  
LOCATION: Riverside Park, Neenah, WI  
DATE: 8/22/2015  
BY: [Signature]

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