

MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2016 – 4:00 PM
Jack Reidy Conference Room
140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT 59802

Members Present: Courtney LeBlanc, Julie Armstrong, Taag Peterson, Doug Olson, Kathi Olson, Kia

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Others Present: Grace Stopher (Missoula Cultural Council), Laura Mahoney (DC Engineering)

1. Called to order at 4:03 p.m.
2. No public comment.
3. Approval of minutes with corrections:
 - December 15, 2015
4. **DC Engineering/Laura Mahoney - Mural Inquiry:**
 - Laura Mahoney from DC Engineering was seeking advice from the PAC for a desired mural on the back wall of their building at 127 W. Spruce. The mural would face the parking lot and alley way, which also backs up to City of Missoula building and the Old Post. This mural is desired by the building owners, who've submitted an intake form with the city zoning office and a pre-application meeting is scheduled. There is not an artist or design chosen yet. The desired completion date is July 14, weather-dependending. She sought advice on budgeting, art call protocol, and artist selection. The PAC advised her to consider student artwork, or partnering with a local arts organization to commission the mural. They also advised her to be flexible with their completion date in case they decide to work with a student group, school, or summer camp.
5. **New Administrative Assistant: Grace's First Two Weeks Update:**
 - Grace has been working on organizing the PAC virtual office and formatting an artist registry form for our future internal database of local artists. We discussed the purpose of the artist registry, discussed the possibility of working collaboratively with other local organizations to create one large database, and discussed privacy. The database as it stands will sort artists by discipline, materials, etc. for our reference. We will continue to discuss how to format this form as it serves the PAC.
6. **Vacancy on Committee:**
 - Grace is in touch with Heidi and Kelly about putting up a posting on city website -- it is not posted yet as of today.
7. **Traffic Signal Box Update:**
 - The 2016 Traffic Signal Box Art Call application motion was approved with corrections.
 - There will be four, possibly five, traffic signal boxes commissioned for artwork in 2016. The art call will go out in the next couple of weeks and submissions are due June 3. Grace and Kathi are the two contacts listed on the art call.
 - We are going to exhibit some past TSB models at Berkshire Hathaway Gallery during the month of April. Artist informational meeting about past TSB models will be on April 7 at Berkshire Hathaway MT Properties, 314 N. Higgins, at 5:30 PM.

- Doug makes the motion that the commission for each Traffic Signal Box is raised to \$1500 in 2017. Kia and Kathi seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- We discussed other fundraising opportunities for the Traffic Signal Box project, such as pint nights and other community events to raise awareness and money for the PAC.

8. Public Art Guide Update:

- Missoulain is selling ads right now. Please buy an ad or talk to people about buying ads. Linda McCarthy will write introduction to 2016 guide. Please view Q&A in guide to see if there's anything that needs adjusting/added. Please encourage artists to put their information (for free) into the Public Art Guide. Deadline is April 1 for ads.

9. Pineview Park Project Update:

- Discussion about changing the background color of the building. At this point, painting the wall has been shelved. Two options were originally provided by the artist, orange-red or brown-green. Parks & Recreation has agreed to help paint the wall with volunteers, and we can have paint donated. The building won't get painted unless we push it. Please view the piece, and bring your comments to the next meeting.

10. Silver Park Project Update:

- Follow up about lighting for the sculpture piece, "Perseverance and Passage." Originally Peter had contacted Jason de Cunzo, who agreed to put together a proposal. Taag volunteered to take on being the point-person for this to see if Jason has made any proposals for this project.

11. All Abilities Park Artwork:

- Kathi was called a couple months ago for fundraising for an art piece at the All Abilities Park. A sculptural piece by artist Trish McKay is slated to be installed at Fort Missoula in 2017. Kathi is going to help them with some grant writing and fundraising, and they will likely attend our meeting next month when they have more info from Parks & Recreation. They want to come to one of our meetings to have the work discussed and approved by PAC as a work of public art.

12. Announcements, News, and Upcoming Events

- March 26, ZACC's Mini Benefit Show at The Wilma. It is already sold out! But people can still come to bid on the auction. Silent auction is currently on view and accepting bids at ZACC.

13. No comments

14. Adjournment

Next meeting: April 19, 2016, 4 PM

Meeting was adjourned at: 5:40 PM