

MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 19, 2016 – 5:00 PM

Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT 59802

PAC Members Present: Kathi Olson, Cathay Smith, Taag Peterson, Courtney LeBlanc, Peter Lambros, Kia Liszak

Others Present: Grace Stopher (Missoula Cultural Council), Bob Atkinson (Bitterroot Welding)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:25 PM

2. Public Comment

- a. Bob Atkinson, owner of Bitterroot Welding, is here to talk about his sculptural fish/bench that he put in Caras Park. He claims that BID gave him permission to put it there temporarily. He says a bench of this sort would cost \$45,000 to commission. He put it there to see what kind of interest he could get from Missoula. The Public Art Committee suggests to Bob to go to MDA or Parks & Recreation to make a proposal to purchase the piece.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 21, 2016 - Kathi makes a motion to approve. Taag seconds. Minutes approved.

4. Traffic Signal Box Update - Kathi

- a. Interviews happened today and the selection committee will meet again next week to select five artists from the six finalists.

5. MCAT Update - Courtney

- a. Courtney, Taag, and Kathi met to refine information about traffic signal box project.
- b. Courtney will invite MCAT to film the upcoming artist informational session on August 23rd, and schedule interviews with past artists with their boxes August 17th-19th. We will also invite MCAT to the September 2nd 2016 traffic signal box dedication. Courtney will be in touch with Grace and the committee as she has updates.

6. Public Art Guide Update - Kathi

- a. No new news.

7. Perseverance & Passage Lighting and Signage Update - Taag

- a. Taag got encouraging response from Jason. Jason was hoping to have proposal ready for this meeting but that fell through. He would like to have a proposal ready for next month's meeting, and Taag will confirm this happens. Taag has also been in touch with George Ybarra about this and he approves.

8. Proper Shoppers Broken Piece Update - Taag

- a. Taag is beginning to investigate which foundry did the work on this piece and is exploring contacts to try to replace the missing pieces. Grace will try to track down the original contract and/or drawings for the piece. Taag will continue to investigate. Kathi is getting together with a former committee member, Joan Jonkel, who may know more.

9. Parking Meter Proposal - Kia

- a. Kia met with Will (Missoula Downtown Association) and Matt (Missoula Cultural Council) regarding the parking meters on July 18th. The MDA has an interest in the parking meters being turned into public art, but this idea is in a formative stage. Currently they are looking for locations and investigating how artists will be commissioned to do them. The Missoula Cultural Council is interested in using the parking meters for a First Night Missoula project. Kia says the public art committee should meet to discuss ideas if we want to take this on as a project. MDA seemed open to accepting proposals. Kia will do some research on how to paint the meters, weather-proof them, etc.
- b. Make this an agenda item for next time to discuss concept, placement, budget, etc.

10. Law Books Project Proposal - Cathay

- a. The Law School library is getting rid of 17,000 law volumes. Instead of throwing them away, the librarian and local furniture makers are looking to recycle the books into something else. Art? Tables, archways, etc. The people currently working on this project would be interested in presenting to the public art committee to discuss potential public art projects with the law books. Cathay will invite them to come to the next public art meeting.

11. Announcements, News, and Upcoming Events

- a. Sunday Streets was very successful! We were on both news stations and on the front page of the Missoulian this week. Grace will count and deposit all donations this week.
- b. Artists on Artists: Devin Leonardi talk on Saturday the 23rd at Missoula Art Museum.
- c. The ZACC kids' mural camp is painting the mural for DC Engineering the second week of August.

12. Comments

- a. No comments

13. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

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