

MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 18, 2016 – 4:00 PM

Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT 59802

Members Present: Peter Lambros, Helen Hallenbeck, Cathay Smith, Julie Armstrong, Kia Liszak

Others Present: Brianna McLean (Arts Missoula), Steve Zeiler

Members Absent: Taag Peterson, Courtney LeBlanc, Doug Olson

1. Called to order at 4:15pm.

2. No Public Comment

3. Guest(s):

Steve Zeiler (lawgofv@gmail.com) introduces CUTE (Cleaning Up The Environment) Kids, a recycling project that aims to get kids involved in picking up trash and recyclables. Steve would like the committee to get involved with designing the receptacles for this project. He would like to focus his efforts in Silver Park, which has no recycling receptacles, and envisions an event in which the community comes together to recycle with children being the “pointers” of trash. Peter asks how the committee can help, Steve says with artistic concepts for the receptacles. Kathi suggests he talk to Parks and Rec. Helen suggests he come back once he has a more solid concept and plan.

4. Approval of Minutes

September 20, 2016 – With a quorum, Kathi makes a motion, Helen seconds. Minutes approved.

5. Parking Meter Project – Kia

No updates, Kia was out of town for two weeks. Planning on getting sub-committee going. Parking meters are still sitting there, happy to accept proposals at any time. Kia shares her experience at a public art tour in Portland - more than just sculptures, also community projects. Brianna will email the interested members (Doug, Taag, Kathi, and Brianna) to arrange a sub-committee meeting.

6. PAC Expenses - Peter & Brianna

Brianna discusses the difficulty in getting the City Finance department to share the entirety of our funds, including line items, with her. She was given a very loose outline of a financial report, that had quite a bit of funds missing. Julie worried that the funds might have all been lumped together in the general fund for the committee. She said she would talk to the Finance department and try to get it ironed out. Brianna will stay in contact with Leigh from the department again to acquire a detailed account of our funds.

7. PAC's New Website/Social Media – Brianna

Brianna shows the committee the new website, blog, and social media. The committee's suggestions: paper subscription sign ups to put at ZACC, Arts Missoula, etc.; get contacts from the city & Submittable account; bigger buttons on website; clean up the Get Involved tab; Sort TSB's by year; add missing Allison Reintjes piece; linking our website on city website.

8. Yearly Planning - Peter (Not on Agenda)

Peter suggests the committee schedule a time to do a Yearly Planning Session. Kathi wants to

schedule for at least 3 hours. Brianna agrees to email the committee with a survey for what times would work best.

9. Perseverance & Passage Lighting Update - Brianna

Brianna shares a grant opportunity that she thinks would be an excellent chance to get funding for the sculpture, called the Montana Tourism Infrastructure grant (<http://tourism.mt.gov/grants>). They have a pass/fail system, and they give grants on a first-come-first-serve basis (i.e. they fund grants until their \$1 million/year is gone). Brianna will talk with Taag about getting a more exact estimate for the lighting from Jason DeCunzo, and she will start putting together the grant.

10. Traffic Signal Box Update – Kathi

David Lusk is working with Big Bear Signs to get a vinyl wrap for the agreed price. The donations from MRA and Grant Creek Neighborhood should have been already sent to the City, but the City says they have no record of this revenue. Again, it is wondered if the funds were just lumped in the general fund. Brianna will keep digging.

11. MCAT Update - Brianna (for Courtney)

Brianna relays that MCAT is still editing the documentary. Brianna, Taag, Kathi, and Courtney met with Andrew at the Roxy to talk about having a free showing on March's First Friday; Andrew was enthusiastic, put us on the schedule, and said he would email Brianna with more details. No news so far. Brianna called Andrew a couple weeks ago to clarify that we were still on the table, and he said the approval process can take a little time. It is still not confirmed.

12. No announcements, News, or Upcoming Events

13. No Comments

14. Adjourned at 6:10pm.

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