

**2019 Montana Rail Link Park, Percent for Art Project,
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**
[City of Missoula Public Art Committee]
Arts Missoula Office, 327 E Broadway Missoula, MT 59807
Thursday, January 10th, 3-4pm

Present: Taag Peterson (PAC), Patricia Thornton (PAC), Chris Boza (Parks & Rec), Annette Marchesseault (MRA)

AGENDA

1. Called to Order 3:03pm

2. No Public Comment

3. Discussion on MRL Artist, Matt Babcock, and recent drawings and updates received by the committee.

- Matt has submitted drawings of his enlarged “Scratch” sculpture on an earth mound at the park site location. Accompanying the piece are small boulders for aesthetic and seating around the sculpture.
- City of Missoula Parks and Rec has approved the scenario from a construction standpoint. Parks & Rec will set aside \$1,000 for site work and footings and another \$1,000 for in-kind labor. Parks will also be donating the boulders and bringing them to the site. Parks will be placing the soil.
- Matt, the artist, should be the one to actually place the boulders where he wants them.
- The Committee feels good about this new design.
- Discussion on adding signs that say “do not climb” around sculpture for safety precautions.
- Discussion on Matt’s addition of trees in his drawing. Taag will discuss with Matt that new trees are not budgeted to be added.
- *Taag motions that the MRL subcommittee accept recent drawings from Matt Babcock for the Montana Rail Link Park project as the official design with the understanding that the two adjacent trees from the mound [in the drawing] would be excluded from the project. Chris seconds this motion. All are in favor. Motion is approved and this version of the design for MRL percent for art project is approved by subcommittee.*

4. Discussion on plan moving forward with project and steps to come.

- Discussion on the artist contract. Becca will send updated contract to MRL subcommittee and Matt Babcock, then to Jim Nugent and finally for approval by the Public Art Committee.

- On January 15th, PAC can vote on approving MRL park piece itself. Contract will not be ready for approval at this point.
- Discussion on split of funds to be received by Matt.
- Discussion on dates for re-entry of the park and when Parks & Rec will be able to start on site work this Spring.
- Chris needs more schematic info from Matt regarding the sculpture installation so they can be more prepared to set the site.
- Discussion on irrigation underneath the sculpture site. Who is responsible for irrigation? The MRL park has not been officially accepted by Parks & Rec yet so therefore they do not have jurisdiction to work with irrigation. Annette will get Taag, etc in touch with irrigation folks to figure out what cost would be.
- Discussion on site and definition between lawn and mulch.
- Tentative timeline discussion: Park officially opens in June depending on the weather. If Parks & Rec and site crew can get back in the park mid-March, then May 31st would be a plausible finishing date for Matt.
- Discussion on contract edits, details and timeline.
- Becca will be in touch with an updated contract.

5. Adjournment 3:58pm