

**City of Missoula Public Art Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2011**  
**Jack Reidy Conference Room**  
**Council Chambers Building 140 West Pine**

**Members Present:** Joan Jonkel, Dave Nelson, Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Paul Filicetti

**Absent Members:** Peter Lambros, Liz Dye, Linda Richards, Kathi Olson, Dana Bousard

**Non Members Present:** Jim Cox

- 1. Public / PAC Committee Member Comment:** Jim Cox attended as a member of the public to tell the Committee of his and his wife's recent visit to San Antonio, TX, and that City's very beautiful and interesting RiverWalk. They were most impressed with the art displayed on the river bridges - sculptures suspended from the bridges featuring schools of native fish. He wanted to call the Committee's attention to these works with the thought that Missoula might develop something similar. He provided us with the name of an individual at the San Antonio RiverWalk project who could give us further details. The Committee thanked Professor Cox for taking the time to come to the meeting and sharing this information.
- 2. Minutes:** There was not a majority of Committee members present to take action on outstanding minutes from the previous 2 PAC meetings (December and January).
- 3. Introduction of New City Council Representative to Committee:** Dave Strohmaier introduced Pam Walzer as his replacement on the Committee. Pam noted that from the time she came on the Council she was interested in being on the Missoula Public Art Committee. She stated that she is looking forward to working with us. She also recently was appointed to the Missoula Cultural Council. In connection with that role, she asked that if we had any recommendations for candidates for the upcoming Missoula Cultural Council Annual Awards program and to please submit them.
- 4. Meeting with County Commissioner Bill Carey:** Dave Strohmaier and Dave Nelson reported on their meeting with County Commissioner Bill Carey. He was supportive of the Public Art Committee working with the Commission on individual projects, and suggested we contact the Commission staff to discuss projects that may be coming up. Discussion of a Percent for Art program for the County was premature at this point. Bill Cary encouraged PAC to work with local community groups as well as City-County Park Boards in developing local projects as there may be money within their budgets.
- 5. Request to City for Administrative Assistance and Funding:** The letter was sent to Brentt Ramharter, City of Missoula Finance Director, and the subcommittee consisting of Joan, David S. Pam, Kathi, and Dana will schedule a time to meet with Brentt. Paul and Joan will coordinate a time to meet with the Mayor's staff to discuss their role and participation in PAC meetings.
- 6. Installation of Crossings and Conclusion of Project:** The piece was reinstalled and received good coverage in the *Missoulian*. A suggestion was made to have an event to acknowledge the reinstallation and those involved in the restoration process. The estimated cost of work, excluding light fixtures is approximately \$30,000. A plaque will be installed to the piece. Those companies involved in the work are encouraged to contact the City to receive necessary tax-deductible contribution receipts for their donated work.
- 7. Update on Traffic Signal Box Project:** The art call is out, submissions are due April 1, 2011. At the suggestion of Jim Nugent, the Selection Committee Meetings for the traffic signal boxes will be advertised in advance of the meeting and open to the public. A 48-hour notice will be given for each Selection Committee Meeting.

**8. Upcoming Sunday Sidewalk Event:** PAC is scheduled to participate in this years Sunday Streets event and do sidewalk chalk art. Everyone is encouraged to purchase sidewalk chalk in advance of the June event.

**9. Ongoing Projects:** Plaques: status is unknown, although plaques were budgeted and ordered for pieces. Neighborhood Council Art Project: there has been a change in people involved and the advertisement stage is unknown. Pam will follow up with information. Dave S.: distributed Port Angeles Outdoor Sculpture Walking Tour Guides. The Guild is an impressive way to indicate and show the locations and pieces of that city's art. That reminded the Committee that it is the time of year the *Missoulian* typically produces the Missoula Art Guide although the status is unknown. Missoula Cultural Council Art Awards: Pam distributed the call for nominations to the awards program, due February 22. Discussion followed regarding nominating Crossings in the "cultural vision" category. Paul will forward information to Linda. Pam discussed other MCC goings including a summary of the impact of art events (visual, non-profit, non-school related) in Missoula. The Committee suggested possible events could included Living Art's Light Show and the University of Montana's annual Kyi-Yo Pow Wow.

***Meeting adjourned: 5:25 p.m.***