

**Public Art Committee – Regular Meeting
January 20, 2009
Jack Reidy Conference Room – Council Chambers**

Members Present: Dana Boussard, Paul Filicetti, ,Joan Jonkel, Peter Lambros, Dave Nelson, Kathi Olson, Dave Strohmaier,

Absent Members: None

Non Members Present: Linda Richards, Swain Wolfe

Public / PAC Committee Member Comment:

1. None

Minutes:

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Motion: Paul

2nd: Dana

Minutes are approved.

Reports

1. **Insurance for Public Art Pieces:** Joan reviewed the issues regarding insurance of the City's public artworks, noting that we need values within two weeks. Paul asked if it is possible to hire an appraiser. Dave S. asked about the cost. Peter questioned whether the insurance requires an appraisal for replacement value of the works. Because of the time frame, it was decided to stay with existing valuations and work on updated values for 2010. Dave N. will speak to the art museum about appraised values.
2. **Swain Wolfe's Proposal re: Sand Sculpture Project:** Swain provided an overview of the project and the origination of the idea. As an example, he noted the mud sculptures near Silver City, New Mexico that disintegrate with the rain (raincycleproject.org) Swain is looking for broad participation – he wants to involve community arts organizations. Swain has already garnered some community support. For example, Zootown Brew will do posters, Knife River will provide clay. The committee discussed the idea with Swain – location, logistics, etc. Swain is willing to volunteer as Director of the project but he feels there is a necessity for a paid position. Swain reviewed the budget totaling \$5,150 with \$10,000 in-kind contributions. Swain noted that he would like to have the project underway in the beginning of June. Kathi suggested talking with the folks who coordinated the Sand Sculpture project at McColrmick park two summers ago. Joan asked about Donna Gaukler's comments regarding the project. Swain noted that there would be no funding available from Parks & Recreation. Swain has also spoken with the Downtown Association and Business Improvement District. He will talk more with Rod Austin (Director, BID). Kathi asked Dave N. about the availability of Montana Arts Council funds. Dave noted that there are grant monies. Joan asked Swain what the PAC could do for the project. Swain responded, "Advice, questions, money and guidance." Joan explained our funding situation. Paul and Kathi will assist Swain in locating the previously mentioned Sand Sculpture folks. Dave S. suggested adding this project to the Missoula Public Art Guide. Dave N. noted that it would be very possible to start small and grow the idea each year – maybe 3 to 5 pieces to start. The committee discussed issues pertaining to the project such as vandalism, the philosophy of the project – clay going back to the earth (although the clay, in this instance, would not literally do so). Joan complimented Swain on the innovative idea, noting the committee would write a letter of support.

3. **Fire Station Project:** Kathi updated the committee on the sub-committee meeting and the Design Review Team meeting (also held today at 4:00 pm, Currents meeting room). Kathi distributed the rough draft of the prospectus asking the committee to consider carefully review it and give thought to the final amount of the commission, the submittal process and overall clarity of the prospectus. Dave N. noted that the Montana Arts Council is using slideroom.com – although there is a cost. There will be another DRT the third week of February. Members discussed a total amount of \$40,000.
4. **Public Art Applicants:** Joan told the committee that the interviews would take place at the upcoming Administration & Finance Committee meeting. PAC members are encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned: 6:50 pm