

Public Art Committee Meeting Minutes November 18th, 2014.

Present: Linda Richards, Kathi Olson, Haley Connors (Intern), Peter Lambros, Kia Liszak, Taag Petersen, Marilyn Marler. Guests from University of Montana's Community and Environment Class: Rachel Dickson, Lizzie Dahler, Chrissy Webb, Marissa Davis, Anastacia Crowe, William Gregg, Anna Kelly, Cecilia Wingard.

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Guests today: 8 members of Community and Environment Class from U of M. They are here to learn about public meetings, how PAC advocates for art, and the role of public art in community.
 - b. Peter refers to Berlin Wall memorial, Berlin's Wall of Light. Temporary installation of lit balloons which creates a sense of impact, but not belonging permanently to the space. Released to float away. Monumental in scale. Highlights worthiness of temporary art installations.
 - c. Linda enlightens our visitors about the Percent for Art program. Kia talks about how she and Haley, our intern, are researching other streams of money for public art. Linda briefly updates the visitors on current art call situations, ie, Silver Park and Pineview Park.
3. Approval October 2014 Minutes
 - a. Approved with minor clarifications.
 - b. Also, the follow up questions developed by PAC for the four Percent for Art finalists are added to the October 2014 minutes.
4. Art Calls and Projects
 - a. Silver Park
 - i. PAC is updated on the conversations with artists following the jury. All those not accepted were notified. Percent for Art artists were contacted with follow up questions. The artists were grateful for feedback to prepare for interview first week of December. John Paoli was a bit frustrated about timeliness of follow up contact. Art call said we'd get back by Wednesday October 22nd (is this correct), ended up being more like a week later. George Ybarra has been thinking about a piece like his proposal for twenty years. The 35 foot tall piece Perseverance and Passage.
 - ii. Date of interviews: 3-5pm, Wednesday December 3rd, with the goal of wrapping up on Wednesday. Follow up meeting to finalize on Thursday, if necessary. Linda will schedule with finalists, Peter will confirm with Kerrie Montgomery, Kathi will confirm with the community selection committee, all by tomorrow (Nov 19th). Linda will try to set up a meeting at the Currents conference room, preferably.
 - b. Traffic Signal Boxes
 - i. Nothing to report.

- c. Pineview Park
 - i. Sub-committee met to discuss future of project. Discussed the difference between Request For Qualifications vs Request For Proposal. Artists can spend up to 40 hours on an RFP, vs a RFQ which is basically a resume and images of work. Decided on RFQ for Pineview, but Montana-wide. Call will go out January 2nd. Via email: MAC, Ted's list of 3D artists, City List, Bozeman Sculpture Park.
5. Reports
- a. Social Media Database topic presented by Kia and Haley, PowerPoint. Haley researched other art committees' use of social media and websites, and the ways that art committees secure funds.
 - b. Looked at 24 cities throughout the US of A. Did they use a city-run website or their own independent website? Organized by size of city.
 - c. Past PAC inquiries into using social media and independent website: For all City business, law requires there has to be a record. Barrier to PAC: there is a lack of City staff time to manage a website but the City won't let PAC manage the website. Can PAC be trained in requirements? The City's website is very cumbersome, requires multiple clicks to find anything. We've had trouble getting results; this may be related to clunky website. Transparency is just one thing for PAC to consider. Getting the word out to the public and providing an easy landing pad is also important. Interfacing well with the public is also important. Who should we contact? The Mayor. There needs to be a missoulapublicart.org website. Currently, we have missoulapublicart.com that features the Public Art Guide. This website is via the Missoulian.
6. Kia: help with Haley's internship. Kia can only meet every other week. Need a meeting on funding goals. Include Taag and Peter and Kathi in meetings.
7. Next meetings. Selection committee December 3rd, 3-6. Regular PAC December meeting is up in the air.

Ted Hughes