

MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 17, 2016 – 4:00 PM

Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT 59802

Members Present: Helen Hallenbeck, Kathi Olson, Courtney LeBlanc, Taag Peterson, Peter Lambros,
Doug Olson, Cathay Smith

Others Present: Grace Stopher (Missoula Cultural Council), Gary Stein (Sentinel High School)

1. Called to order at 4:09 PM.

2. No Public Comment

3. Minutes Approved:

- a. April 19, 2016

4. Introductions: Helen Hallenbeck & Cathay Smith

- a. Two new committee members give their introductions to the Public Art Committee.

5. Guest: Mr. Gary Stein (Sentinel High School)

- a. Courtney invited Gary Stein from Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) to this meeting today to present an idea for a public art project that would honor district retirees of the MCPS system. After brainstorming, we concluded Gary will compile a short list of teachers associated with the district who may like to contribute a piece of art to this cause, and reach out to them in haste to see if they are interested in contributing to the event next week, May 26. Peter suggested they find a piece to display in their public building on a loan for this year, and produce prints of the work to give as gifts to the 36 retirees. Courtney suggested the PAC assist in selection of the artwork that goes on to take pressure off the school in choosing, especially if the artwork comes from public school art teachers. Gary will make some calls and get back to us if anything comes through (Courtney will act as liaison for this project).

- b. Gary is hoping to establish a partnership with Public Art Committee for potential project for 2017's district retiree function. Gary would like to come to a PAC meeting this fall with a more formal pitch for 2017's project. The MPAC batted around some ideas with Gary to think about for next year.

6. Public Broadcasting Committee Update - Courtney

- a. Kathi and Courtney went on MCAT to discuss the Traffic Signal Box project for 2016. They may go on again to talk with Joel about the upcoming deadline for TSB on June 3rd. MCAT is interested in doing a documentary about the Traffic Signal Box project this summer, potentially beginning filming in June. It could cover the whole process of selecting TSB's, artists painting on the TSB's, and touring the TSB's in Missoula. Courtney is working on the permissions contract for the MPAC and will keep us posted.

7. Saturday Market Update - Courtney

- a. Courtney was trying to get approved for a table outside the Saturday Market this summer to hand out the Public Art Guide, gather donations for public art, and provide information about public art. She will keep us posted.

8. Traffic Signal Box Update - Kathi

- a. Submissions have been coming in on Submittable -- they are due June 3rd. Interviews will take place two weeks after on June 16th.

9. Public Art Guide Update - Kathi

- a. Kathi will email the distribution list to Grace and she will give to everyone on the committee. Please let Grace know if there are any other places to distribute. There will be 10,000 printed. We are good on advertising. It will be printed at the end of May.

10. Parking Meter Update - Kia/Grace

- a. See attached notes from Parking Meter meeting on April 27.
- b. The committee agrees to brainstorm a Parking Meter project and create a proposal to submit to the Missoula Downtown Foundation.

11. Grace Projects Update

- a. Grace discussed her current projects for the committee, including discussion about a future public art database and web content.

12. PAC Logo & Branding - Grace

- a. Grace has been in contact with Heidi about creating a new logo for the Public Art Committee of Missoula. Let's brainstorm on our own any interested graphic artists or potential in-kind sponsors for the design. The Missoulian? This item will be added to the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

13. Announcements, News, and Upcoming Events

- a. Doug: Would like to discuss donations, funding, and our process with that after the Silver Park art call. We need to have a discussion about the different types of donations. Put this on the next agenda.
- b. Kathi: Encourages everyone to go view the First Folio! At MMAC. Hadley Ferguson and Carrie Montgomery also have a show in honor of Parkinson's disease.

14. Comments

15. Adjournment

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