

DRAFT PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING February 24, 2015

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Ted Hughes, Peter Lambros, Doug Olson. Not a quorum.

NO QUORUM – NO MOTIONS

2. Public Comment. Guests today are Corena Maurer from the Office of Neighborhoods and Tom Benson from Missoula Cultural Council.

Corena Maurer is here today to let PAC know that Bert Lindler of Grant Creek neighborhood had suggested establishing a People’s Choice Award for the Traffic Signal Boxes, but this proposal has been withdrawn.

Tom Benson is here today to get a sense of how Public Art Committee operates because MCC may be delegated to provide administrative support for PAC. He also mentions that Americans for the Arts conference in June will feature a Public Art and Place Making workshop. He is seeking funding for the trip to Chicago, maybe from the City, maybe from PAC if we have funds. Ted Hughes of PAC is also interested in attending.

3. Review of minutes.

Minutes not reviewed.

- NOTE: Marilyn Marler is on a Fulbright to Vietnam through March.
- Please add Tom Benson to meeting notices.

4. Art Calls and Projects

Silver Park. Percent for Art.

Karrie Montgomery and Ed from the Old Sawmill District would prefer the new sculpture be located on the west side of the park. MRA has stated that the soils are less stable towards that end of the park, which would add to the cost of anchoring the sculpture.

Doug Olson will set up a meeting ASAP to review the site again, including PAC members, George Ybarra, MRA and Silver Foundation reps.

To clarify, PAC ultimately decides the siting of the sculpture, with strong consideration for artist’s opinion.

George Ybarra has signed the contract and will receive the first of three checks for the project.

Silver Park. Silver Tribute.

Still unclear how PAC will proceed since Karrie Montgomery was disinterested in any of the Silver Tribute submissions. PAC will guide and facilitate the decided process.

Traffic Signal Boxes.

Next call will likely be March 17th to decorate seven traffic signal boxes.

Estimate that about fifty percent of the traffic signal boxes have been decorated with the rest possibly finished in another 3 or 4 years.

The Chair complements Kathi Olson on spearheading the project and fundraising, along with the neighborhoods contributing money. It is a great process open to anyone who wants to participate.

Update on possible joining PAC with Missoula Cultural Council and percent for art ordinance: All signals point in this direction.