

**Missoula Public Art Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**  
**140 West Pine**

1. **Call to order and Roll Call.** Members Present: Peter Lambros, Doug Olson, Ted Hughes, Linda Richards, Kathi Olson, Julie Armstrong. Others present: Savannah Stanhope, Linnea Stanhope, Tom Bensen (Missoula Cultural Council).
2. **Public Comment.** Savannah Stanhope, a Junior at Hellgate High School, is interested in constructing a public mural and is looking for guidance in this process, including possible location. Members explained the difference between public and private land as well as the difference between “official” City of Missoula public art and general art in public spaces. Savannah’s idea is to construct this with other students, and her initial idea was a geometric design with inspirational words. Doug reminded her that words then make the project a sign, and subject to the city sign ordinance. Kathi said that anything resembling an advertisement for the business would not be appropriate. Linda suggested she seek out a possible location, get approval from the owner, and come back to the committee.
3. **Welcome to new committee member Julie Armstrong.** Julie, from Fort Worth, TX, has experience in web design and marketing from her previous employment at an IT firm in Washington State. She has offered to help the PAC with web development and marketing strategies, including print and social media.
4. **Approval of Minutes.**
  - January 20, 2015 – Approved, after a long discussion about the PSA announcing the Silver Park project.
  - February 24, 2015 – Accepted, with recognition that there was no quorum.
  - March 17, 2015 – Approved with edits
  - April 21, 2015 – Accepted, with recognition that there was no quorum.
5. **Art Calls and Projects.**
  - Silver Park update:
    - The city will not waive building fees for these projects. After some discussion, **Doug made a motion to allocate up to \$900 in permitting fees as reimbursement or paid directly to the city. Seconded by Kathi. The motion passed.**
    - Doug reported that he received all the receipts from George Ybarra and that we are up to date on the payments for the project. **(Receipts on the way from Doug)**
    - Peter met with Karrie Montgomery of the Silver Foundation and Ellen Buchanan of the Missoula Redevelopment Agency to address the concerns of the Silver Foundation regarding the installation. Ellen stated that the MRA is committed to seeing the project to completion.

- **Kathi made a motion to approve extending the date for completion of *Perseverance and Passage* by George Ybarra to August 31. Seconded by Linda. The motion passed.**
  - Pineview Park. Committee members met with finalists along with Bill Bevis of the Pineview Park board on May 5, and recommended Alison Reintjes as the artist. Her design plan involves tiles on the side of the work shed at the west end of the park, between the skating rink and tennis courts. **Linda made a motion to approve a commission of \$10,000, and of that \$5,600 will come from the PAC, and Bill Bevis promised to raise the remaining \$4,400. Seconded by Ted, and the motion passed.**
  - Traffic Signal Boxes. Kathi reported that the deadline for this latest round is May 30, with the selection committee meeting June 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Jack Reidy room. That will push the next full meeting of the PAC to June 23 at 4:00 p.m. There is currently funding for six new traffic signal boxes, including funding from the Neighborhood Grant Program. The artists will complete the work during the River City Roots Fest weekend (August 28-29), and the dedication will occur September 4 during First Friday at the Dana Gallery (6:00 pm). The applications are available for viewing on Submittable.
6. **Update on PAC/ Missoula Cultural Council (MCC) organizational structure.** Peter summarized his thoughts of the new organizational structure with MCC
- PAC needs a physical “home” – office to assist the public, storage for models
  - Also need for a digital “home” – website with information and marketing for the public as well as place for members to view documents, and policies.
  - PAC will ask for increase in financial commitment from the city:
    - Shared ½ time salary through MCC
    - ½% for art maintenance
    - Increase investment in Public Art – not simply rely on the current 1% of new construction – not as part of ordinance, but formal asks to council year to year.
7. **Public Art Guide:** The 2015 Public Art Guide was distributed to all present.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Bensen