

**2018 Montana Rail Link Park, Percent for Art Project,
Artist Finalist Continued Discussion & Decision Minutes**

[City of Missoula Public Art Committee]

140 W Pine Missoula, MT, City Council Chambers, Jack Reidy Conference Room

Monday, November 19th, 4:30-6:30pm

Selection Committee Members Present: Kathi Olson (PAC), Chris Boza (Parks & Rec), Patricia Thornton (PAC), Annette Marchessault (MRA), Cathay Smith (PAC)

Others Present: Becca MacLean (staff)

1. Called to Order 4:35pm

2. No Public Comment

3. Introductions & Reminder of Artist Interviewees from Tuesday, November 13th

- Discussion ensues on voting procedures.
- Review of last week's interview meeting and the two final pieces in discussion.

4. Discussion on MRL Artist Finalists following Tuesday, November 13th Interviews

- Becca reads email from Taag about his conversation with Matt Babcock regarding enlarging his piece, "Scratch".
- Discussion ensues on pros and cons of Matt Babcock & Chip Clawson art pieces.
- Discussion ensues on location options of both pieces.
- Based on Taag's email conversation with Matt, enlarging "Scratch" would require additional funding for landscape and stone work. Chris suggests there may be Parks & Rec funds that could be utilized towards that.
- Continued discussion on Matt Babcock's budget and possibilities of enlarging the dog. Committee discusses/determines that it would take an additional cost of about \$7,000.
- Committee discusses the presence of both pieces and the public's possible perceptions.
- Chris Boza likes "Scratch" and will approach Parks & Rec about additional funding. Cathay also likes,"Scratch".
- *Patricia makes a motion to commission Matt Babcock to create "Scratch" under the provision that it is at 1.25% larger with assistance from additional Parks & Rec funding for the landscaping. Chris seconds this motion. All are in favor. Motion to commission Matt Babcock's, "Scratch" sculpture for the Montana Rail Link Park, Percent for Art project is approved.*
- Taag, as Chair of the committee will reach out to the four finalist artists about the decision. Becca will send letters. Becca will send Chris, Matt's budget to determine what the cost increase would be for taking "Scratch" from 4in to 5in aluminium so that Parks & Rec is able to get an accurate budget.
- This selection committee will take this decision back to the whole Public Art committee who will then officially approve the commission. Then, PAC will work on a contract with Jim Nugent, City of Missoula Attorney. Taag will talk to artist about the payment amount in conjunction with the contract info. The PAC will then approve the contract. Chris & Annette will be looped into the contract creation. Ideally, contract will be approved by the PAC in December with an install of work slated early May.

5. Vote/Select Artist to Commission

- See above.

6. Adjournment 5:43pm