

## MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, December 4th, from 5-7pm

Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT 59802

**Committee Members Present:** Courtney LeBlanc, Patricia Thornton, Taag Peterson, Kathi Olson, Cathay Smith, Julie Armstrong (until 5:30pm), Stoney Sasser (at 5:30pm)

**Committee Members Absent:** Peter Lambros, Lisa Simon

**Others Present:** Becca MacLean (staff), Melissa Moss-Larson (MCPS, Jefferson School)

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Public Comment

### 3. Guest(s)

#### a. Melissa Moss-Larson, from MCPS to discuss mural for Jefferson School

- Melissa works at Jefferson School, an early education preschool close to Southgate Mall. They are interested in having a mural created on a wall facing their accessible playground.
- The school district would love the mural to be removable. The wall is 20x20ft. A lot of their funding comes from the Haffy family. Therefore they would like to include the wording "Polly's park" somewhere in the mural.
- PAC suggests applying for a large neighborhood grant next cycle. PAC gives Melissa Jane Kelly's contact information.
- PAC discusses the option of having an artist design a piece and children fill in. Also, discussion ensues on tile mosaics and vinyl as mural material.
- Patricia explains that she has spoken with local artists, Courtney Blazon & Parker Beckley and they have done murals for \$1,500 to \$3,000 plus materials in the past.
- Discussion ensues about having new kids create tiles every year. Vinyl or tiles could be removed and taken home every year. Also, tiles could be painted and shellacked.
- PAC will help Melissa look at the neighborhood grant option and get in touch with Courtney Blazon & Parker Beckley for more info. PAC will get a subcommittee together to work on Melissa's project in coming months.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

- a. October 16th, 2018 - *Patricia motions to approve October and November minutes with minor edit to November minutes. Taag seconds this motion. All are in favor. October 16th and November 20th Minutes are approved.*
- b. November 20th, 2018 - *See above.*
- c. Traffic Signal Box Selection (TSB) Committee Minutes 9/4 - *See below.*
- d. TSB Interview Minutes 9/11 - *See below.*

- e. TSB Artist Informational Meeting 9/25 - *See below.*
- f. Montana Rail Link Selection Committee Minutes 10/2 - *See below.*
- g. Montana Rail Link Interview Minutes 11/13 - *See below.*
- h. Montana Rail Link Discussion & Decision Minutes 11/19 - *See below.*

*Kathi motions to approve all MRL subcommittee and TSB subcommittee minutes as presented. Patricia seconds this motion. All are in favor. TSB 9/4, 9/11, 9/25 & MRL 10/2, 11/13, 11/19 Minutes are approved.*

#### **5. Montana Rail Link Percent for Art Project [Approval of Art Piece & Artist Contract] - Taag**

- a. Taag updates PAC on Montana Rail Link project. He explains that we are still working on selecting the piece and what the budget will come down to. We have a subcommittee meeting scheduled for Thursday at 2pm, Arts Missoula office.
- b. We may have to get an ad-hoc quorum together to approve the piece and contract in the near future.
- c. Contract will be sent to Jim Nugent to finish.
- d. \$25,000 amount will not change from the City. That will be the final amount we will receive. Parks & Rec has offered to contribute \$1,000 of in-kind of money donations. This amount will not get us the same piece 25% larger as we had hoped which is why we are meeting again to discuss.
- e. Patricia brings up the point that we don't necessarily have to select a piece.
- f. Becca - ask the city to see if the percent for art amount grows if they spend more money on the park?
- g. Taag will be in touch with Matt Babcock about his piece and process.
- h. Stoney brings up questions about the value of enlarging the piece for the amount of money it would take to do so.
- i. Discussion ensues on subcommittees and decision making on the final piece. Our three options are: seeking the additional money to make the piece larger, go back and see if we want to accept it as submitted at \$25,000, or go back to the drawing board to select a new model.
- j. Patricia feels if we have to go back to original size of piece, it's a scratch because that's not what was voted on initially. Taag felt given the amount of money we have we had reasonable value within our finalist submissions.
- k. Annette from MRA has said that she would prefer to install the piece by the Parks intended May opening. Taag suggests inviting subcommittee and all PAC to meeting on Thursday.

#### **6. UofM Pilot Program Fall 2018 [Selection of Submissions & Install/Uninstall Date] - Becca**

- a. Becca - tell current artists that the PAC will be removing work and taking it to School of Art and PAC will not be liable for damage of piece during transportation.

- b. Courtney will go to School of Art Office tomorrow to chat with Kevin. Taag will talk to Chris West and Matt Lawson at City Hall.
- c. Becca reviews 19 student submissions with PAC. PAC reviews and voting commences. A total of 15/19 student artists are chosen with 20 art pieces in total selected to hang.
- d. Becca will be in touch with artists, Kevin Bell & PAC about install details, etc.

**7. Van Buren Soil Wall, Mural - Becca**

Tabled to January

**8. Kickstarter Fundraising Effort [Social Media Campaign] - Courtney**

Tabled to January

**9. Traffic Signal Box Update - Kathi**

Tabled to January

**10. Lighting for Perseverance & Passage Update- Taag**

Tabled to January

**11. New Parks, Percent for Art Projects - Courtney**

Tabled to January

**12. Becca Updates [Yearly Goals Meeting Reminder/Agenda/Items to bring]**

Tabled to January

**13. No Announcements, News, or Upcoming Events**

**14. No Comments**

**15. Adjournment 7:12pm**

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**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS 2017-2019**

**Mission: The Public Art Committee affirms the city's role as an advocate to public art, fosters and enriches the aesthetic of the City of Missoula, values and promotes the contributions of artists to the community and furthers the objectives of Missoula City Ordinance 3221.**

**Vision: The Public Art Committee envisions a community where art and artists are valued, and where public art is integrated into the fabric of our place, and enhances the quality of life of its citizens.**

**YEAR 1-2017**

**Outreach and Awareness**

- A. Create monthly marketing PSAs
- B. Improve website
- C. Begin public art education for artists
- D. Make quarterly reports to council
- E. Establish a more formal connection to U of M art department
- F. Engage in community feedback

**Governance**

- A. Actively invite native representation onto committee
- B. Bring accounting and professional reporting to council
- C. Create annual planning and follow plan
- D. Create a catalogue and condition report
- E. Intentional use of staff and chair time

**Quality**

- A. Increase art call submissions

**Fundraising and Project Development**

- A. Pursue the idea of joining county
- B. Increase staff time
- C. Deepen our relationships to other Public Art Committees for inspiration and funding ideas
- D. Actively seek out grant funding
- E. Enrich private/public partnerships

**Projects**

- A. One big project per year- form committee
- B. Public Art Guide
- C. Parking meters
- D. Lighting for Crossings
- E. Lighting for Perseverance and Passage
- F. Traffic Signal Boxes

**YEAR 2- 2018**

**Outreach and Awareness**

- A. Create a public art scavenger hunt
- B. Continued public art education for artists
- C. Create a friends of public art volunteer group
- D. Enrich relationships with local artists by holding artists events

**Quality**

- A. Hit maintenance harder

**Fundraising and Project Development**

- A. Continue to increase staff time
- B. Enrich private and public partnerships

**Projects**

- A. One big project per year
- B. Sculpture Park
- C. Live art/painting and music
- D. Community interactive art

**YEAR 3- 2019**

**Fundraising and Project Development**

- A. Continue to increase staff time
- B. Ask city for project specific money

**Projects**

- A. One big project per year
- B. Bench project