

**Missoula Public Art Committee  
Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2019  
Conference Room 140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT 59802**

**Committee Members Present:** Cathay Smith (note-taking), Kathi Olson, Stoney Sasser, Patricia Thornton, Lisa Simon, Taag Peterson, Peter Lambros

**Committee Members Absent:** Courtney LeBlanc, Julie Armstrong

**Guest Present:** Emily Jensen (Rattlesnake Neighborhood Representative)

The Public Art Committee (PAC) Meeting Start-time: 4:05 pm; End-time: 5:15 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

- The PAC held-off on approval of April meeting minutes until next month due to Courtney's absence.

**New Hire Update:**

- Lisa updated the PAC that we received 12 applications for the open PAC staff position, and three highly qualified candidates were interviewed.
- Kirsten Paisley has accepted the position and will begin on May 1, 2019.

**Yearly Goals and Budget:**

- Lisa is concerned that the current "2019 goals" do not accurately reflect the PAC's most recent yearly meeting discussions, and do not reflect the PAC's objectives for 2019.
- Kathi suggests that we call another Yearly Meeting to discuss goals and objectives for PAC (Patricia will invite Kia to moderate; Peter is also willing to moderate).
- Tentative plan: PAC will hold another Yearly Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 4 PM during its regularly scheduled monthly PAC meeting.

**Van Buren Soil Wall Mural:**

- Patricia reports that PAC was late getting back to the artists-applicants and, as a result, interviews have been delayed.
- The Selection Committee (which will be formed by PAC, MDT, neighborhood representatives, etc.) will meet next week, on Tuesday, April 23 from 3 to 5 pm, to review the submissions of the 6 applications for the project.
- PAC will set-up interviews with artists-finalists the week of April 29, 2019.

**Performing Artist Project:**

- Stoney updated the PAC that MASC is willing to provide five performance-artists for one hour during June's First Friday (June 7, 2019) for \$600.
- Lisa wants to ensure that the performance is attributed to the PAC, including through social media campaigns and erection of physical signs during the performances.

- MASC has its own insurance policy to cover its performers during the PAC-sponsored performances.
- The PAC committee members suggest that MASC should begin its performance at 5:30/6 PM.
- Stoney seeks recommendations for other potential performers for this ongoing summer project.

#### **Montana Rail Link % for Art:**

- Taag reported that the artist contract has been fully executed for *Scratch*, and the final project is planned for completion on-schedule by the end of July 2019.
- In the future, the PAC will need to engage with infrastructure issues/costs with Parks & Rec earlier in the project planning and discussion phase.

#### **UofM Pilot Program:**

- Discussion and report continued to next month's PAC meeting.

#### **Traffic Signal Boxes:**

- Kathi reports that the PAC currently has funding for three (3) traffic signal boxes for 2019, two from neighborhood grants and one from BID. The PAC is hopeful that it will be able to fund five traffic signal boxes for 2019.
- Lisa asks the PAC to consider whether it should continue to published art calls for traffic signal boxes or, in certain years, consider reaching out to invite specific Missoula artists.

#### **Public Art Guide:**

- Kathi will circulate draft of the Public Art Guide by the end of this month, April 2019.
- The 2019 Public Art Guide will include introductory remarks by Rafael Chacon, and special pieces/mentions about the PAC's performance project, the Van Buren Soil Wall, *Scratch*, and other public art in Missoula and on the University Campus.
- Kathi asks: are we missing new artworks? Should we include the evolving street art in the alley next to The Catalyst? (Lisa: Cristo & Bateman are the muralists).

#### **New Parks/Parking Spot Project:**

- Cathay asks whether we want to consider removing this potential project from the agenda, or dedicate time to discuss it.

#### **Lighting for Perseverance & Passage:**

- Taag reports that lighting for Perseverance & Passage will be completed by this summer thanks to MRA funding.

### **Airport Project:**

- During the airport reconstruction, there will be containers set up to allow passengers to board/de-plane. The airport would like to seek artists to paint/decorate at least one of those containers.

### **Other Comments:**

- The PAC would like to consider finding ways to make guest comments at meetings efficient; member suggested that guests might be encouraged/required to submit a form in preparation for presenting at PAC's monthly or yearly meetings.
- The PAC would like to find ways to integrate more PR (social media campaign, etc.) regarding the PAC and its involvement/sponsorship in all of the PAC projects.
- **PLACE ON MAY 2019 AGENDA:** Discuss possibilities of commissioning "Welcome to Missoula" signs. Kathi suggests reaching out to and/or partnering with Missoula County to erect signs at east, west, south entrances to Missoula.
- **PLACE ON MAY 2019 AGENDA:** Lisa reports that Willow Kip (Shoshone-Bannock / Blackfeet Nations) created a mural on a wall in Missoula's sister city in New Zealand. Tom Benson would like to see a sister mural (the same mural by the same artist) here in Missoula.