

City of Missoula Public Art Committee – Regular Meeting
November 20, 2012, 4:00 pm, Jack Reidy Conference Room – Council Chambers

Members Present: Joan Jonkel, Kathi Olson, Linda Richards, Peter Lambros, Jeff Rolston-Clemmer, and Doug Olson

Absent Members: David Nelson, Dana Boussard, Caitlin Copple

Non Members Present: Heidi Bakula

Public / PAC Committee Member Comment:

Minutes: Motion: Kathi Olson, Second: Jeff Rolston-Clemmer
The minutes dated October 16, 2012 were approved as corrected.

Reports:

1. Report on fall Traffic Signal Box (TSB) Art Project and November 2nd Reception
 - Three of the four artists chosen painted their TSBs and one artist used vinyl. All artists were done in a timely fashion, there was great press from the Missoulian and the TSBs were on TV two different times. There was a TSB dedication at the Dana Gallery and the artists were very appreciative. There will be a new art call in February of 2013.
 - Kathi Olson mentioned that Nancy's Corner, which is a quilting show, had invited her to speak about the TSB project on National Public Radio out of Madison, Wisconsin on February 7, 2013. She is going to ask a few Missoula Quilt Guild members to join her since the Missoula Electric Quilters designed 2 TSB's in the last round.
2. Status Report on Park Place Art Project
 - The artist is making great progress on the project. He is able to paint everything in the studio except for the eddy. Weather can be an issue if it gets too cold since he will be using Corothane paint. Kathi was able to get a 75% discount on the paint. MMW Architects suggested that this paint be used. The Parking Commission postponed the parking structure's November opening and extended it to mid-December of this year. The Century Link pedestal is a continuing issue. The Parking Commission will pay for its removal and a \$4,020 check was issued by the Parking Commission for the work. Unfortunately the estimate to move the pedestal came from Denver, Colorado and the local Century Link techs stated that it would be more expensive than that to move the pedestal. The new proposal is to move the pedestal but not the box; however, the issue is still unresolved. It could stay underground but that was not ideal. The artist decided it would be better to remove it. The artist met with MMW Architects to figure out how to remove it and the PAC Subcommittee will have another meeting to discuss the removal. Two alternatives were being explored; pay extra to have the pedestal removed, or remove everything but the box which would make it less expensive. The next stage with the paint was to get a color sample since right now it is only primed. A great feature of the paint is that it can be used at lower temperatures.
 - The parking structure building will be lit internally. The pedestrian entrance and automobile entrance spill out pools of light. The lighting with the art piece should not be dwarfed. Kathi found an electrician to work with Mike. The lighting subcommittee is still looking for people that specialize in lighting for advice.

3. Pineview Park Project Update

- Linda is going to meet with Kimberly Baker and invite Jeff Rolston-Clemmer to discuss the project. Nothing has changed since October. Tim Bechtold asked committee members to meet with him about fundraising. The subcommittee is hoping that Tim will ask for donations. Currently 2D and 3D panels are being discussed. The next step is to have an art call; however the subcommittee wants to have more than \$5,000 for the art piece. There is no rush to raise funds; the subcommittee can take their time. It was important to do something really nice for the neighborhood since the community worked so hard, the subcommittee also wants the neighborhood to take lead of the art project. Jeff suggested asking the Washington's to donate funds for the project. It may be a good idea to contact their foundation. Kathi and Joan will talk to Mike Halligan about them.

4. Scott Street Project

- Kathi called Steve King, the Director of City Public Works, to meet with the subcommittee. Public Works did not have any money for the project. The subcommittee is looking for a design and may want an art call or a limited art call. Currently the subcommittee is trying to raise money to enhance their budget. They are hoping someone will donate money for the design of the project. Right now the subcommittee is thinking \$3,000 - \$5,000 for costs and design. Doug thought \$3,000 - \$5,000 might be too low in his experience. Peter thought a neighborhood grant could be pursued. Kathi stated that the next grant requests are due November 2013. Doug thought there were hand techniques that can be used in working with concrete for less money. Since the area for the art is very small that was a good idea.

5. "Light the Bridge" project report - November 15th Meeting

- Peter explained that the in the meeting they discussed what entity would be granting permission for the project and permission just depended on the entity who maintained the road over the bridge (state or local government). This meeting was the first of many forums to discuss the issue and many people were supportive of the idea. There were considerations that the lighting not be garish or shine into the river. The right people had to be consulted, and items such as costs to power the lighting and who would pay for it had to be resolved. It was not a meeting to conduct debate or draw conclusions; it was just for sentiment and support. City Council representative brought up the Russell Street Bridge since it would be completely rebuilt in the next several years.

6. Ongoing Projects

- Doug is checking in about large rocks to place plaques on. Information could also be laser printed on the rocks. This item will be on the agenda for next month.

The meeting adjourned at ? p.m.