

City of Missoula Public Art Committee
July 16, 2013, 4:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

Members present: Kathi Olson, Linda Richards, Jeff Rolston-Clemmer, Caitlin Copple, Peter Lambros

Members absent: Doug Olson

Others present: Heidi Bakula

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approve the minutes of June 18, 2013 – approved as corrected. [History](#)

Caitlin Copple made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Kathi Olson seconded that motion.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Subcommittee Reports - Heidi Bakula noted that Doug Olson wanted to serve on the Silver Park subcommittee.

- A. Report from Protocol Subcommittee - Conflicts of Interest – [History](#)
Nothing to report

- B. Report from Budget Subcommittee – [History](#)
Nothing to report

- C. Report from Long Range Planning Subcommittee – [History](#)
Nothing to report

- D. Report from Staffing Subcommittee – [History](#)
Nothing to report

5. Art Calls and Projects

- A. Traffic Signal Box Art Call - Selection Committee's Choices for Finalists [History](#)

- 18 artists submitted Traffic Signal Box (TSB) mockups - 7 TSBs were chosen – one artist submitted 2 TSB mockups - Claire Kleese-Mencel - All Songs Come Together Under Wild Montana and Seasoned Hunters of the Valley - and both were chosen
- The other artists chosen were Melissa Madsen (Night Garden), Missoula Electric Quilters (Boogie Waters), Abby E. Sweet (Untitled but known as Landscape), Meaghan Gately (The Light and the Dark), and Karl Stein (Tank Fulla Trout)
- Kathi Olson is pursuing private funding for the 7th box

- B. Park Place Project Report - Market on Front, PAC Support, Plaques, and Final Payment [History](#)

Peter Lambros stated that there was an email going around about not making final payment to Mike Golins the artist who created the “Go With the Flow” sculpture. He read the email and asked Kathi Olson for an update. Kathi explained that the:

- Lien waivers were not received after the dedication of the sculpture and that issue needed to be resolved before Mike received his final check.

- The rocks under the eddy need to be moved since it was publicized by Mike Golins that children could play on the sculpture – the city did not want children on the sculpture and did not want to be held liable if a child fell on the rocks.
- The eddy also still needed to be polished

Kathi stated that it was important that the artist know that he still had obligations under the contract. Peter asked if the polishing was noted in the contract. Kathi said it was not specifically stated but the intention was there. The eddy was to match the wave.

Caitlin Copple stated that it sounded like the check was ready and the committee should approve it to be released. Kathi said no, Mike had not finished the project yet. Caitlin explained that Mike was about to get an attorney involved and this needed to be figured out. Kathi explained that what Mike told Caitlin was not accurate and that she should talk to the members of the subcommittee.

Peter asked if there was any opposition to have the subcommittee meet with Mike about the sculpture and rock issues. Anne Guest of the Missoula Parking Commission volunteered her staff to handle the rock issue. Caitlin asked if the committee could give Mike a date in which to expect a check.

Kathi explained that there were other department heads and funders that needed to agree that the project was complete, including Anne Guest, and she would be out until Thursday of the following week. Also up until recently Mike was fine with the committee's requests.

Peter asked that the matter be resolved as soon as possible. Caitlin stated that since it was not clear who decides what a task list/timeline should be created. Kathi added that there were repeated attempts to work with Mike on the timeline that was explained to him. Peter thought it was important to memorialize expectations. Kathi added that she would contact Mike and Anne. Linda Richards noted that Mike was also hard to get ahold of, even by email.

Peter indicated that he wants a formal checklist posted on the website. The perception is that the committee has not been good at communication.

6. Announcements, News and Upcoming Events

- A. Portland Loo - Caitlin Copple – Not discussed [History](#)
- B. Wayfinding Report - Caitlin Copple [History](#)

Caitlin Copple gave a quick presentation on Wayfinding. The name of the consulting firm is MERJE and more information can be found at:

[Destination Missoula Wayfinding Design Concepts Presentation](#)

MERJE is interested in having the Public Art Committee involved and wants to use local artists. The design for Missoula can be customized to fit the city's needs; however three main concepts were presented: Industrial, Modern, or Artistic. There will also be many districts, including parks and trails, the downtown district, airport-business district, the midtown district, the north Reserve district, etc.

Peter Lambros asked when the committee should get involved in the process. Caitlin suggested nominating someone who could attend the Wayfinding meetings. Kathi added that the meetings were held once a week which made them hard to get to.

Peter suggested waiting until the next month when the committee has new members and someone could be nominated at that time. He also asked if it would be good to suggest what concept the committee would like at this time. Caitlin thought that was a good idea. Once the group had a consensus on a concept Caitlin said she would be willing to email it to the consultant. Peter asked that the group email him about what they liked first.

C. Status of Appointment of New Members - Heidi Bakula [History](#)

There were 5 applicants and interviews would be scheduled for all 5. The committee members were interested in being part of the nominating process. Linda Richards added that she wanted the Mayor to interview with a Chairperson in mind. Peter Lambros added to look for someone who has street smarts of the process. Heidi Bakula suggested that the committee members send an email to her with any comments they had for the Mayor.

D. Possible Request from Parks and Recreation Regarding Donation of Art to Splash Montana – Not discussed [History](#)

7. Comments from Board Members

Peter Lambros indicated that he wanted to make a formal gesture thanking Joan, Dana, and David for their service on the committee. Kathi suggested a plaque for Joan and David had suggested that as well when he was on the committee.

Kathi offered to look into plaques and work on some verbiage and Peter offered to help.

Peter made a motion to adjourn

8. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bakula