

Public Art Committee – Regular Meeting
March 17, 2009 5:00 p.m.
Jack Reidy Conference Room – Council Chambers

Members Present: Joan Jonkel, Linda Richards, Liz Dye, Dana Boussard, Dave Strohmaier, Peter Lambros, Dave Nelson, Kathi Olson

Absent Members: Paul Filicetti

Non Members Present: Paula Goldberg

Public / PAC Committee Member Comment:

None

Minutes:

January 20, 2009: Motion: Dana
2nd: Dave S.
Motion: Carried

February 17, 2009: Motion: Dave S.
2nd: Linda R.
Motion: Carried

Reports

1. Traffic Signal Boxes: Kathi noted that everyone has been working diligently on the project. Committee members updated as follows.

Linda: Linda provided an overview of projects that have occurred in other communities. The people she has spoken with have been very cooperative. Kathi distributed the Clayton, Missouri prospectus for the benefit of the committee. Linda noted that Columbia, Missouri has been the most helpful and have sent samples of their RFP and RFQ's. Linda shared additional information from the Columbia, Missouri folks – their selection of a single artist, the artist's work schedule, etc. Columbia is doing another project – one signal box. Linda reviewed the Tampa, Florida project – the artists complemented the neighboring businesses/neighborhoods. In Tampa there was a competition where businesses paid \$250 to be able to submit a design for the signal boxes. They also paid the artists. Some locations supplied the paint and some didn't. Linda reviewed the press statements. Joan asked if there was anything most adaptable to Missoula. Linda said that Columbia was perhaps the most useful as they had sent the most detailed information.

Liz: Liz had contacted Ellen Buchanan (Director, Missoula Redevelopment Agency). Ellen is familiar with the project. There are opportunities in URD2 and URD3. Liz suggested this to Ellen. Liz and Ellen will get together in one week. The goal is to present to the MRA Board in mid-April. Liz also spoke with BID representatives (Charlie Deaton and Rod Austin).

Kathi: Provided an overview of sizes, procedures and possible locations.

Paula: Provided an overview of paint materials.

2. Fire Department Project: Dave S updated the committee regarding the Design Review Team (DRT) on Tuesday, February 24. He noted that there was some fear and trepidation about the responsibility for the pathway / infrastructure to access the proposed site. Dave noted that we've worked through this with some inspirational words from Jerry Ballas. The Fire Department representatives are fully on board at this point. Kathi reviewed the prospectus/art call as is and asked for members top sit down and go through paragraph by paragraph. The committee discussed mailing the post cards. Dave S. asked what we still

needed. Linda contacted Wyoming and Colorado for their artist lists. Joan has been working with the Montana Arts Council to acquire an updated list. Joan asked Linda if she could contact Idaho and Washington. Joan will provide Linda with the contact names. Dave S., Peter, Joan and Kathi will finalize the prospectus and will meet Tuesday at 4:00 pm at Café Dolce.

MOTION: To approve art call with discretion to make editorial changes.

Motion: Linda

2nd: Liz

Motion: Carried

3. MOBASH: Peter provided a status report. Brad Allen has signed the contract. The Mayor needs to sign next. Joan and Peter will get the agreement to the Mayor and Jim Nugent (City Attorney).

4. Lake Project: Peter is working with this project with the representative group..

5. Federal Stimulus Act & the Arts: Dave N. will talk to the arts council. Kathi has spoken with the Planning Director / Public Art Staff Liaison (Kathy Macefield) – the Lewis & Clark commissioner suggested using stimulus monies for public art. Kathy Macefield is not familiar with the details. Dave S. noted that the stimulus monies are still tied up at the legislature.

6. Other:

a. **Vicki Watson – IWW Historic Marker at Front & Higgins:** Joan read the email from Vicki thanking us for our input and support.

b. **Missoula Public Art Guide:** Kathi provided an update.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 pm