

Public Art Committee Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2014

Minutes recorded by Ted Hughes

Call to Order.

Present: Ted Hughes, Kia Lyszak, Peter Lambros, Marilyn Marler, Doug Olson, Kathi Olson, Taag Peterson, Linda Richards, Jeff Rolston-Clemmer.

Public Comment. None.

- The Chair encourages everyone to remind and invite the public to attend meetings and provide comment.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes are approved with a few edits and a clarification regarding moving PAC meetings from the televised city council chambers to a more intimate meeting room. Using an alternate allows easier dialog and control of meeting times.

- A goal is set to deliver the minutes within one week.

4. Art Calls and Projects.

- The Chair (Peter) thanks the art call committee chairs for taking care of business while he was away.

4A. Silver Park Call

- Silver Park Chair Doug Olson updates committee. PAC has received only one submission on Submittable so far. He has fielded four phone calls.
- The art call was sent to Montana Arts Council to be distributed statewide and to arts councils in other states.
- Art call was sent to 200 emails registered via the City website.
- Art call was sent to University of Chicago art department who will distribute to staff, alumni, and students.
- Doug will follow up to ensure these two agencies follow through on the distribution.

Additional Silver Park issues:

- Karrie is uncertain who authorized small carvings on beams in main park pavilion. PAC was not involved, possibly the MRA gave the go ahead.
- At the official park opening in June, little mentions or thanks to the Silver Foundation. Are we following up on thanking Silver Foundation appropriately? First, we acknowledge that as the grand unveiling of the sculpture park approaches, there

will be a lot of publicity, and the event will feature much appreciation of the Silver Foundation. Also, a trip to a board meeting would be a nice gesture. Peter will send a polite card and also check in with Karrie Montgomery on the subject.

- Someone points out that when you click on the link on the Submittable page that should send you to the Silver Park Art Call, it instead sends you to the Pineview Park art call. The issue is fixed on the spot.
- This raises questions of the City's Public Art Page which is not at all straightforward in reaching art calls, and city IT staff are not responsive to PAC's concerns. This raises again the issue of allowing PAC an independent web page. Chair will continue to push the issue.

4B. Traffic Signal Boxes

- Twenty-two proposals were submitted, and nineteen accepted for seven traffic signal boxes. Five finalists were juried in with strong approval.
- Money left over from this call, approximately \$2,000, will be carried over into the next call. Funding for this project comes from the Business Improvement District, the Neighborhood Association, etc. Moneys are transferred to the PAC account from other departments.
- Interview with finalists is July 23rd, 3pm in the Jack Riedy meeting room.
- Of the 22 proposals, about half were vinyl and half painted.
- Shelby from the City's Neighborhood office initiated a Survey Monkey approach to the jurying that allowed citizens of the neighborhoods to weigh in. This was not recommended by PAC because the power to decide the location of signal boxes resides within the public art committee and its working subcommittee, and so the effort was counter productive.
- Kia Liszak suggests creating a policy for addressing individuals not following the rules for submitting. If criteria A, B, and C occur the individual is not allowed to submit again. This protects PAC's impartiality.

4C. Pineview Park

- Nine submissions. One was out of geographical range and dismissed.
- The submissions were too vague or did not meet criteria for public art.
- A follow up meeting confirmed that the Call needs to be reopened, either as a full call, an invitational, or a direct commission. Sub-committee will meet again to decide, and then report to full committee.
- Linda has kept the submitters up-to-date with politely worded emails.

5. Decide upon Chair/Vice-Chair for Ensuing Term

- Peter volunteered to chair the committee through June 15 and now re-opens the nomination. Public Art Committee unanimously re-nominates Peter as chair.
- Kathi Olson is unanimously re-nominated as vice-chair.

6. Art Ordinance and Ways it May Evolve

- The Mayor feels there is value in considering putting the PAC in a department that can better serve administration of the committee's needs.
- Missoula Redevelopment Agency has the resources to support PAC but it needs to be affirmed whether or not the MRA can only operate within designated zones.
- Is there a way PAC can remain autonomous and not have to count on already overextended city admin staff? We should plan on having a proposal or list of options to the Mayor by the fall.