

**2018 Montana Rail Link Park, Percent for Art Project,
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**
[City of Missoula Public Art Committee]
Arts Missoula Office, 327 E Broadway Missoula, MT 59807
Thursday, December 6th, 2-3pm

Present: Taag Peterson (PAC), Patricia Thornton (PAC), Chris Boza (Parks & Rec), Courtney LeBlanc (PAC), Annette Marchessault (MRA), Kathi Olson (PAC)

AGENDA

1. Called to Order: 2:08pm
2. No Public Comment
3. Discussion on Matt Babcock piece, "Scratch" and budget
 - a. Taag feels we should speak about the piece we want first before the budget.
 - b. To recap; Parks and Recreation had anticipated that they could fund quite a bit more of the site/boulder work with the sculpture being enlarged. They can contribute \$1,000 of in-kind/cash donations.
 - c. One option is to find the additional money to enlarge the piece. Another option would be to start over with a new art call. The last option would be to see what Matt can absorb.
 - d. The goal is to do a sculpture of a bigger dog. Matt created a new budget to exclude the boulders and site work cost. Taag asks if we have a project with Matt without the boulders? Taag reminds all that Matt would like there to be seating around the dog.
 - e. Annette suggests that, if Matt is firm on elevating the sculpture and wants seating but is not set on boulders, there may be an alternative to get it off the ground. Kathi adds that it should still be aesthetically pleasing.
 - f. Taag introduces the earth mound idea. Taag and Matt talked about elevating ground under sculpture and small boulders by a mound. Committee discusses this idea.
 - g. Taag explains that he would vote for going back to Matt's original submitted piece over starting over completely with the call if it comes to that.
 - h. Patricia explains that she felt that going back to the original size of Matt's piece was not an option since we had voted for the 25% enlargement of the piece. This is unfair to other artists.
 - i. Taag explains that Matt said he is willing to do the coordination of the piece and stones. Matt would be willing to absorb \$500 of additional cost total. It would be close to \$6,000 over budget for the additional large boulder. If we stuck with that option, PAC would be responsible for the additional costs.

- j. It really comes down to if the committee wants to raise that extra money in the timeframe we have. Kathi discusses in-kind options. Courtney feels that extra money for enlarging the piece may not be worth it compared to other projects we could be participating in down the line.
 - k. Discussion ensues on safety concerns. Discussion ensues on footing of the piece, vandalism, etc.
 - l. Chris discusses Parks & Rec contribution. The cost to prepare the site, supply materials puts them close to \$750-800. So we would have \$200 to work with.
 - m. Taag asks if the mound is something we could agree to if the piece is also bigger? Committee discusses space for a gently sloping mound to put the piece up on. Matt has offered to draw up a design. Matt can be in touch with a landscape architect about the space. The mound may be in some kind of amoeba shape to include the sitting boulders. Parks could potentially donate the smaller sitting boulders. If Parks and Rec is able to donate site work and seating boulders, all PAC would need to fundraise for would be the larger stone if that's the direction we go. Kathi will speak to her connections about possible donated labor.
 - n. Discussion on placing "do not climb" signs around piece.
 - o. If we can keep the size of the piece large and use the mound to elevate it, that would be a possible option. Taag will ask Matt what he thinks should be underneath the mound. Committee discusses possibility of 3D printing Matt's mound design once he creates it.
 - p. Taag asks the group for confirmation on working with Matt. Group feels they are committed to working with Matt Babcock. Taag will ask Matt to design his piece, larger and on top of a mound, incorporating sitting stones to bring back to the committee.
 - q. Annette says that the park can donate excess fill material north of the park for the mound.
4. Define and Discuss our options on moving forward with Matt Babcock's piece, Missoula Parks and Recreation contribution, etc. [Hopeful for a decision made on size of piece and moving forward with piece].
- a. See minutes above.
5. Adjournment 3:01pm