

**City of Missoula Public Art Committee
Meeting Minutes
5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009
Jack Reidy Conference Room
Council Chambers Building 401 East Pine**

Members Present: Joan Jonkel, Linda Richards, Dave Strohmaier, Paul Filicetti, Dave Nelson, Kathi Olson

Absent Members: Liz Dye, Peter Lambros, Dana Boussard

Non Members Present: David Bell, Mike Parker

- 1. Public / PAC Committee Member Comment:** David Bell introduced himself and discussed ideas for a project he recently discussed with MDT. Bell is interested in a mural within the Orange Street underpass. Bell discussed potential supporters and asked about others, PAC feedback included Mike Parker, art professor at the University of Montana, Heart of Missoula, MDA, and BID; this would be a public-private collaborative. Discussion of PAC involvement followed. Joan commented on a recent on-line survey she completed intended to gather information from entities similar to PAC although heavily staffed and funded.
- 2. Minutes:** August 18, 2009 (corrections noted). Motion: Dave S.; Second: Kathi; Motion passed.

Reports

- 3. Fire Station, Rose Park Proposals:** Meeting held on the 9th with the artist, Stuart Nakamura here in Missoula. Several PAC members and Fire Department representative met with Nakamura and attended various meetings during the day; Nakamura worked through several design issues with attendees and will develop a final model for display during Fire Prevention Month in October. The piece will be presented to participating groups in the future (Design Review Team, Rose Park Planning Board). Joan worked with Jim Nugent on the contract that is currently under review by others. The piece is scheduled for completion in April 2010.
- 4. Wrap-up Traffic Signal Boxes (TSBs):** The TSB project is a success! PAC members reiterated enthusiastic feedback received for the project. This is a truly great way to celebrate and expose Missoula to Missoula's artists. Project is tentatively scheduled to reoccur Memorial Day Weekend and during River Roots Festival in 2010. \$6,000 remain in TSBs budget and potential for more as the project spurred neighborhood requests that could be funded through the Neighborhood Association and/or Heart of Missoula. PAC members who have photos from the day's events are encouraged to forward them to Kathi who will gather them together on CDs and distribute to artists.
 - a. This project could be a springboard for PAC to a City-County level.
 - b. PAC set a standard for future work to TSBs in Missoula.
 - c. Joan distributed a survey to PAC members via email, if applicable complete and return to Linda.
 - d. An issue for next year is the need for assistance from outside sources to help preparation and day of work activities. Several sources were discussed where PAC could out-reach for assistance.
- 5. Fact Sheet Listing All Public Art:** Joan distributed an updated fact sheet on current art in Missoula. The majority of projects completed with PAC assistance are by Missoula artists. That information will be included on a revised fact sheet.
- 6. Update on Ongoing Projects:** Mike Parker discussed the status of the collaborative art piece he is pulling together as an upcoming class at the University. The collaboration will include UM students and teens, Flagship, and other area organizations to complete a mural at a yet unknown location. PAC suggested David

Bell and Mike Parker get together to discuss their ideas and possibly collaborate on a single piece. Parker's begin date is January 2010 correspondent to the class.

- a. Parker raised the question of insurance for artists; Joan noted PAC considers artists independent contractors and as such, they should comply with state requirements.
- b. Parker noted he generally budgets \$10-\$12/SF for mural installation costs.

7. Other:

- a. Dave N.: meeting he had set up with a private collector is cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- b. Our next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Jack Reidy Conference Room, date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.