

## MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 4 - 6 PM

Jack Reidy Conference Room

Missoula Council Chambers

140 W Pine

**Committee Members Present:** Courtney LeBlanc, Lisa Simon, Kathi Olson, Stoney Sasser, Dennis Lippert, Heather Harp

**Committee Members Absent:** Joseph Kellogg,

**Others Present:** Kirsten Paisley (Staff)

**Guests:** Adam Brewer, Dani Vasquez

1. Call to Order at 4:04 PM
2. Guest(s)
  - a. Adam Brewer, Pleasant View neighborhood council (about 650 houses). They are applying for a neighborhood grant. They are interested in a Public Art piece on their Mailbox Unit Shell. The shell is owned by the HOA. He's approaching us for guidance on this project. They are wondering if the COMPAC is in support of this idea. They are interested in this project as a way to beautify their committee and to help deter graffiti on these mailboxes.
  - b. Curious about acquisition of artists, contract writing etc. The grant is for \$6,000. Mailboxes are about ¼ smaller than the TSB's. They have about 20-24 boxes.
  - c. Needs help with contract writing. They want to be sure that they are fairly compensating.
  - d. Citizens will be able to vote on the proposals for selection.
  - e. You could do either vinyl graphic design or painting.
  - f. Kirsten will share the TSB Art Call (including materials) and contract template with Adam so he has that as a reference.
  - g. HOA should at least clean the surface before turning it over to the artist. Artist should be responsible for priming the surface.
  - h. There might be some business owners in the area that might be willing to help fund this project.
3. Housekeeping/Term Limits/Absences: Courtney
  - a. Courtney has a document as a starting point that we will edit and vote on at the November meeting. This includes term limits, absences and committee ethics. The ethics advisory committee will be coming to speak to us in the future. Heather will give us the date for the next meeting in November.
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 2019 Minutes
    - i. Lisa makes a motion to approve. Stoney seconds. Unanimously approved.
5. New PAC Logo Update & PR: Courtney
  - a. Maybe it would be better to reach out from a few people that we know and get bids.
  - b. Email Courtney a list of graphic designers to check out, and we can discuss possibilities in November on who we would like to ask to submit a proposal.
  - c. We need to discuss our intentions of the logo so we have a very clear direction for the new logo.
  - d. NOVEMBER AGENDA: New Logo intention

6. CPAL: Courtney
  - a. Art Call was sent to Kevin Bell. Lisa will do a rewrite a bit and send to SKC in the spring.
7. Suzanne Reed's Kinetic Sculpture: Courtney/Kirsten/Stoney
  - a. The sculpture is installed in her yard. She is on the corner of Hollis and Central, and the sculpture is in the backyard – she said you're welcome to stop by.
  - b. Courtney will reach back out to Parks & Rec to see if they are at all interested.
  - c. Heather went to a neighborhood council meeting – there might be some of those councils that are interested in some art.
  - d. She should maybe contact Jane Kelly about attending a general neighborhood council meeting.
8. Art Smart Book Club: Patricia
  - a. FOR NOVEMBER
9. How-to Sub-Committee: Patricia
  - a. FOR NOVEMBER
10. Huge City Art Piece Open Call: Stoney/Courtney
  - a. This was in response to the Greetings Tour idea. We are not totally on or off board with this idea. We need more information. Maybe we should invite Mirtha back for more information and breakdown of money; particularly how much guest artists would get paid.
  - b. Lisa/Courtney are interested in meeting again with Mirtha, Linda et al.
  - c. We don't particularly care whether the mural gets done, more importantly we don't want MDA to feel like we automatically declined this idea they are bringing to us. These partnerships are important.
11. Native Murals: Lisa
  - a. Willow Kipp has proposed to put 8 large murals throughout downtown Missoula representing the 8 recognized tribal nations in Montana. A key component is incorporating the languages of these tribes. This project fulfills the need for both more Indigenous art and more large-scale murals.
  - b. We should maybe reach out to TBID. Each tribe has a cultural commission that we should reach out to. Barb Neilan should be reached out to.
  - c. Dani is part of a coalition that wants to do pretty much this. Indigenous Organizers Collective (IOC). They are developing a campaign; art as activism. More self-representation in art. IOC could potentially be a partner on this project. They are started a data base of indigenous artists all over Montana.
  - d. Check is Arts Missoula is registered for NEA Grants
  - e. Dani feels it is important for the first mural to be Salish since we are on their land.
  - f. Stoney would be happy to be involved in this project.
  - g. School district has a Native American Education program – Courtney can reach out and see if there is a connection we should be making there.
  - h. Ray Kingfisher – Native American Cultural liaison for the schools. They help maintain culture for the students. His wife works for the Urban American Indiana Heather Center.
  - i. Shelley Fiant is another great contact.
  - j. We have percent for art coming from the North Side Park.
  - k. Should be have a matrix of artists/specifications to pull from for curation?
  - l. This project should be driven by indigenous people. Do we need to get approval from each tribes before we move forward with this project? Laura Millan might be able to help with that?
  - m. Lisa has been talking to a couple buildings (Grizzly Hackle is one), about this project.

- n. Brian Sippy said he might be willing to fund a grant writer for this project. Once this project gets rolling I think we could find some great spaces and funders. Maddox is also interested in art on her wall.
- o. SKC is willing to have his art department design for the next round of TSBs. We could do a smaller art call for them. We would still be picking and having a conversation with the artists, but all the work would be Salish. This would be an invitation-only TSB round.
- p. We should also be reaching out to Jimmy Grant of Historical Research Associates.
- q. Dani is saying that there are actually 13 tribes within the 7 reservations. We could possibly open up this project to all 13.

12. Library Mural: Courtney

- a. Courtney is working on this. We are on their agenda for this month. Carl is super excited about this idea. Hopefully they approve, and Courtney is going to ask them to donate the concrete.

13. Announcements, News, or Upcoming Events

14. Comments

- a. Wanting to pay tribute to the 8 TSBs that have been lost. By Splash Montana. Rose Park neighborhood put together proposals for new boxes. Currently there are 2 boxes for sure, maybe 4 boxes. We could ask and see what their response is about these boxes being designated specifically for Salish art.

15. Adjournment at 5:35 PM