

**MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 4 - 6 PM**  
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**Committee Members Present:** Courtney LeBlanc, Kathi Olso,, Lisa Simon, Dani Vazquez, Joseph Kellogg, Dennis Lippert, Heidi West

**Committee Members Absent:** Stoney Samsøe, Haley Kern

**Others Present:** Paisley Thornton (staff)

**Guests:**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 3:59 PM
2. Guest(s)
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November Minutes
    - i. #9.d Clarification: Lillian was speaking of the art tours having missing information rather than the public art guide.
    - ii. Joe moves to approve. Kathi seconds. Minutes unanimously approved.
4. Welcome to Missoula Sign: Stoney
  - a. Stoney will give an update at the January meeting.
5. Indigenous Mural Project: Lisa/Danielle
  - a. No updates at the moment. Waiting to hear back from NorthWestern Energy
6. Dash Sculpture: Courtney
  - a. We were approached by this nonprofit called Dash about putting a Mike Lustig piece here in Missoula. The piece is full funded through this grant.
  - b. He uses a lot of glass and was concerned about the Montana weather and the longevity of the piece.
  - c. Dennis: He picked Missoula for his next piece. He's wants to come to Missoula in the spring to walk around and look at different sights.
  - d. Kathi: He'll be emailing us a sketch.
  - e. Is there a temporary location? Somewhere indoor/outdoor? We would like it to be permanent rather than temporary. Being from Denver, it is a similar climate. Dennis does not think the glass should be a problem with concern to weather.

- f. Reach out to Dennis/Kathi/Courtney with thoughts on a location for this sort of piece.
  - g. Parks & Rec supports the project, but has concerns about safety and durability in a park.
  - h. Mike is also open to doing educational talks with other adult artists as well as community involvement around the piece.
  - i. We should maintain this relationship with Dash and maybe connect some Missoula artists with their program
7. Engel & Volkers: Courtney
- a. Had a first meeting. We need to figure out funding, and when the surface will be cleaned.
  - b. Second meeting set for tomorrow.
  - c. Reached out to Jim about fundraising. Because we are a city page we should not create a gofundmepage, but we can promote the page that Engel & Volkers creates.
  - d. Set at \$30,000 for the mural.
8. Mountain Line Mural: Courtney
- a. Stella presented her design today to Mountain
  - b. Created really amazing bus creatures with traditional medicine wheels as the wheels of the bus. Very excited to work with her on this.
  - c. Is it possible for us to pay her more for this project?
  - d. If we have spare funds right now Courtney would like to see those go to the Engel & Volkers mural. But we might be able to come up with an extra \$1,000.
  - e. Heidi: I like the idea of the mountains better than the trees. The mountains transferring into the clouds feel better to me.
  - f. Lisa: You should ask Mountain Line if they would pay for an assistant for her. We could do a talk or an interview too.
  - g. Kathi: That imagery is so graphic and so fun I could see this image going onto merchandise to pay her more for the design work.
  - h. Lisa: Stella was an Open A.I.R. artist and featured a bear that is wonderful. All her pieces in the Radius Holiday show have sold out.
  - i. It would be lovely to invite her to do a future signal box.
  - j. In what other ways can we help boost their career while they're working with us on this project. It would be nice to get a list or set of practices for helping emerging artists.
9. Cleaning Van Buren Mural: Kathi
- a. Talked with Steve at DOT, but they are coordinating with the City Street Department on timing. They're going to look into a regular cleaning.
  - b. Highway department was supposed to pay for protective coating of the piece. We're not sure that it happened. We'll call Lillian to be sure that happened.
  - c. It probably will not be happening until the spring since the winter weather is here.
10. Rattlesnake Sound Wall: Courtney
- a. A local Rattlesnake resident approached us wanting to put art on the back of the sound wall.
  - b. Courtney is going to reach out to MDT to see if they want art on there.
  - c. Neighborhoods said it might not be physically feasible to put a mural there because of the structure of the wall.
  - d. Financing is also not confirmed yet, they plan to fundraise for it.
11. Announcements, News, or Upcoming Events
- a. Next agenda: Wearable works of art?
  - b. Next agenda: Supporting Emerging Artists Toolkit
12. Adjournment & Next Meeting
- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM
  - b. Next meeting set for Tuesday, January 19, 2021