## MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 4 - 6 PM
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Committee Members Present: Courtney LeBlanc, Stoney Samsoe, Kathi Olson, Lisa Simon, Dennis

Lippert, Dani Vazquez, Heidi West

Committee Members Absent: Joseph Kellogg Others Present: Paisley Thornton (staff)

**Guests:** Tom Snyder

- 1. Call to Order at 4:01 PM
- 2. Guest: Tom Snyder, Owner of Five on Black
  - a. Want to create mural space on engel & volkers wall.
  - b. This is one of the few alleys in downtown that has a ton of visibility due to the large space. If we did ¾ of the wall is about 60'ft tall by about 36' tall. Full wall is 90' long.
  - c. It would be amazing to create a large statement mural piece on this wall.
  - d. If we could do a public art call for the space we would love the public to be able to vote on the top 5.
  - e. They want to pay artists for their submissions. We're thinking of a budget of \$40-\$50,000 total budget for this project. This would be a collaboration between the businesses on the block and the community.
  - f. Condition of the wall: mural is very old and has a pink floyd/volcom mashup. Brick is not in great shape in spots. The budget would include repair on the wall. Polytab might be a good option.
  - g. Lisa: We should have Lillian Nelson go take a look at the wall. She would be knowledgeable of what we could use to prime the surface.
  - h. Timeline: Thinking about the art call could start over the next 3-4 months. Thinking installation in summer.
  - i. This could also be a great project for an artist group so they can tackle the project together. If there is a way to incorporate apprenticeships in the budget would be great too! That's something else people could apply for. Would be great to get the University involved.
  - j. We would like this to be a single large impactful mural.

k. We'll form a subcommittee and meet with Tom and Don to talk details about the art call and project. Courtney, Hailey, Stoney, Dani, & Kathi would like to be on the sub-committee.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. October Minutes
  - i. Hailey moves to approve. Dennis seconds. Unanimously approved.
- 4. Welcome to Missoula Sign: Stoney
  - a. Had a meeting with Linda McCarthy, Barb Neilan, & Dave Strohmeier.
  - b. There are barriers for where to put the sign and who's going to champion the effort forth. There were challenges with the state MDT. Linda said they ran into roadblock after roadblock.
  - c. They had a design based around stone and metal. It was a little muted. Stoney feels there needs to be a pop of brightness. Courtney felt the design felt a little rigid.
  - d. Kathi's takeaway was that if we wanted to do an artistic welcome project it would need to be separate/in addition to their wayfinding welcome sign.
  - e. Courtney is looking into how people got around red tape on roundabout art.
- 5. Indigenous Mural Project: Lisa/Danielle
  - a. No new updates for this month. Going to hold off until January as they need to do some assessments. Working with Dawna from parks & rec.
- 6. Mountain Line Mural: Courtney
  - a. Stella Nall has been selected for the Mountain Line Mural. She'll submit her design the first week of December. We will approve the design along with Mountain Line in December and will be full approved by the Mountain Line Board in January. Painting tentatively will start in March/April.
- 7. Cleaning Van Buren Mural: Kathi
  - a. We have to worry about water freezing on the sidewalks, but it's supposed to be in the 40s this week. So we might be able to do that this week.
- 8. Community Arts Conversation/Q&A: Courtney
  - a. Courtney reached out to Jim. He's enthusiastic about us doing adult ed classes where people pay to attend continuing adult ed classes. Library is interested once their new space is open.
- 9. Announcements, News, or Upcoming Events
  - a. Monica's TSB at Broadway and Madison has been damaged. It looks like someone backed into the box from the parking lot side.
    - i. If the "guts" of the box isn't damaged they'll replace the box as time allows.
    - ii. We don't know who hit this box. There is no footage of someone hitting it. This is the 2nd time this particular box has been hit. MDT in the past has not been willing to help us replace the vinyl.
    - iii. We'll raise the money to replace the piece.
  - b. The bear TSB at South and Reserve is peeling pretty badly. We would like to be able to have money for him to repaint if needed.
  - c. We were contacted to help with a fully funded sculpture piece. We just need to assist with location. Parks & Rec is already on board. Stoney, Kathi & Hailey are interested in helping.
  - d. Lisa: April Werle is doing a podcast. Lillian was on her podcast and talked about our art guide and that there are a number of factual errors in it. When was the last time that was given a thorough review? She mentioned the Brennan's Wave piece didn't have the artist on it. They were trying to do one of the art walks and weren't able to.
    - i. We'll review and make sure to edit any errors. Lisa will reach out and ask her to give us feedback so we can make corrections.

- ii. Heidi: I wonder if we could involve distance learning students into fact checking this brochure?
- 10. Adjournment & Next Meeting
  - a. Adjournment at 5:07 PM
  - b. Next Meeting set for Tuesday, December 15, 2020 from 4-5:30 PM