

MISSOULA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 4 - 6 PM
Virtually via ZOOM
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Committee Members Present: Courtney LeBlanc, Heidi West, Dennis Lippert, Lisa Simon, Dani Vazquez, Kathi Olson

Committee Members Absent: Joseph Kellogg, Stoney Samsøe, Hailey Kern

Others Present: Paisley Thornton (staff)

Guests:

1. Call to Order
 - a. Called to order at 4:02 PM
2. Guest(s)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September Minutes
 - b. Kathi Moves to approve. Heidi Seconds. Unanimously approved.
4. New Members: Courtney
 - a. Welcome to Hailey Kern. She was having technical difficulties and couldn't join, but we're glad to have her!
5. Welcome to Missoula Sign: Stoney (Kathi)
 - a. Have meetings coming up with lots of big players on November 10. We're moving forward and it's very exciting!
6. Indigenous Mural Project: Lisa/Danielle
 - a. Meeting with engineers tomorrow to talk about logistics.
 - b. Heidi sent an email to Donna about the MOU
 - i. Questions who the parties involved in MOU. NWE, Parks and Rec, and PAC? Recommended doing this as a part of the Park Plan Adoption which is happening currently. We would be under Parks and Rec and have artistic responsibility.
 - ii. Courtney: I think it would be good to work with Parks & Rec on this project. This could be a great collaborative effort to work together on this.
 - iii. Lisa: I don't have strong feelings one way or the other.

- iv. Heidi: We need to get on paper what Northwestern is willing to donate to this project.
 - v. Lisa: Working with Northside Park, Karen Sippy said it's part of their mission to fund this area. She's ready to do fundraising for that. We're looking at about \$3,000 per mural.
- 7. Poverello Mural: Courtney
 - a. Completed. Contracts and signed and back to the artist at The Poverello Center.
 - b. Kathi: I think it looks good and is a good positive collaboration.
 - c. Kirsten will add some photos to the Google Drive Art Project Folder
- 8. Mountain Line Mural: Courtney
 - a. Art call closes on Nov. 9. There was an interview with Stella Nall at Mountain Line's request.
 - b. Once the call closes we'll move forward.
- 9. Virtual Music Festival: Courtney
 - a. They're working with MDA to get a few show going in downtown locations.
- 10. Cleaning Van Buren Mural: Kathi
 - a. MTD involved to help, we just need to schedule them. We need to get encroachment paperwork done as traffic will be blocked for a bit. Hopefully we'll be able to get that done soon.
- 11. Submission process, making a design/model: Courtney
 - a. Stella Nall reached out with concerns about requiring a design before they are selected for a project. She said multiple Missoula artists are unwilling to apply for projects as they are unwilling to create spec work for free without the commitment of work.
 - b. Courtney spent the last month looking into art calls around the nation. There is no standard. They all ask for resume, artist statement and examples of past work. What if we let the sub-committee chair for the project select whether or not they want to require a design to apply?
 - c. Lisa: I think this maybe suggests that there is a Public Relations issue between us and the artists. They're saying we don't understand them. There are ways of reaching out to artists and starting that conversation so they know what hoops we have to jump through as the Public Art Committee.
 - d. Courtney: Could we do a ZOOM artist forum. Maybe Cathay could help with this?
 - e. Lisa: We could also get someplace like the ZACC to host something for us? We are currently being portrayed as the antagonist and being anti-artist. We need something where artists can express their concerns. I do think we require a lot. I think it's too much to ask the TSB applicants to create a box. They could just as easily do a 2-D design of the 6 sides. We need to remember we're mostly working with artists that are living so close to poverty.
 - f. Heidi: I think there is a lot of misinformation out there. If we had information about the process on the website year-round perhaps that would help. We could definitely add more info to the website so people are informed.
 - g. Kathi: We also need to keep in mind each art call is different. In some projects we do have money to pay artists for their submissions.
 - h. Lisa: TSBs are supposed to be opportunities for emerging artists. One of the selling points of our rigor is that we are a stepping stone to these huge \$100,000 projects that require a lot more.
 - i. Courtney: Maybe we could connect via ZOOM with University students.
 - j. Lisa: There is a class called "Beyond Art School" that would be great to connect with.
 - k. Courtney: A Q&A with Radius Gallery, Public Art Committee and ZACC would be great.
 - l. Lisa: Yes! Kia and I have the idea for a series called "Do the Work" where we discuss just that.

- m. Kathi: I think having a yearly meeting about participating in art would be great. Working with ZACC and a Gallery would be great!
- n. Heidi: There are a lot of artists that are maybe older who didn't study art in school. It would be great to put out to the lifelong learning center too to make sure we hit a whole other demographic.
- o. Courtney will get going on setting up a Q&A and public outreach.

12. Announcements, News, or Upcoming Events

- a. We should take pictures/post the new ZACC murals. They're great!
- b. We could also possibly have an apprenticeship program when we hire a mural artist so they have an assistant to work with on large projects.
- c. Lisa: the information needs to be laid out a little more pleasantly for the viewer. The legal language can be overwhelming.
- d. We should update the website and get verbiage to be very clear and positive. Once that is updated then we can to fun "Did you know" social media posts linking back to the website.
 - i. Maybe we should look into a web designer for next year?
- e. There are some AMAZING murals happening in Great Falls. They're funded by BID.

13. Adjournment & Next Meeting

- a. Adjourned at 5:20 PM
- b. Next Meeting set for Tuesday, November 17, 4 PM