

City of Missoula Public Art Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2015

Members present: Peter Lambros, Kathi Olson, Taag Peterson, Kia Lyszak, Julie Armstrong, Courtney LeBlanc, Ted Hughes

Others present: Tom Bensen (Missoula Cultural Council)

- 1 Call to order at 4:10 p.m.
- 2 No public comment
- 3 Peter welcomed new member Courtney LeBlanc, who just happens to be due in two weeks! She grew up and went to school and college in Missoula, and is now in a graduate program in history. She is interested in the historical relevance of public art, and is also interested in researching for grants.
- 4 There was no quorum at the Aug 25 meeting, and as yet no minutes. Julie will provide minutes as a record of our meeting next month.
- 5 Art Calls and Projects:
 - Pineview Park – “Rattlesnake Ripple” by Alison Reintjes. Dedication to be held at the park on October 3 at 11:00 a.m. The neighborhood council, represented by Bill Bevis, will also be in attendance. Kathi, Linda Richards and Ted agreed to help set up. Committee members agreed to be there at 10:30. The paint for the art shed was donated by Sherman-Williams. Bill Bevis guaranteed the remaining \$5000, but is looking for donations to cover that cost.
 - Traffic Signal Boxes – Kathi thanked all for another successful event during River City Roots and a great reception and dedication during September’s First Friday at the Dana Gallery. Missoula now has completed 50 TSB’s, with 23 remaining. We are still awaiting \$1000 from the Downton BID. Next art call for this project will be in March. The TSB at 39th and Hillview, titled “Iris in the Spring” by Stoney Sasser, was removed by the state transportation department and is now in Helena. The motion to have the replacement box repainted by the same artist with the same design was unanimously approved. This will occur in October.
 - Silver Park – Taag has been in discussion with Ellen Buchanan and George Ybarra regarding lighting of “Perseverance and Passage.” We are constrained by lighting ordinances, and decided a meeting with Jason DeCunzo, an independent lighting contractor, would be advisable. Peter, Taag and Kia will arrange to meet with Jason for ideas. Taag has also been in discussion with George regarding graffiti protection. They are researching the cost of such a project.
 - Kathi reported that “Go with the Flow” now has official bronze plaques at the site.

- Peter asked Julie to submit all the invoices for the Perseverance and Passage opening. Julie insisted on making this a donation. The committee thanked her, but insisted she submit her expenses to acknowledge the cost of the reception as an in-kind donation. In the future PAC needs to develop a line item for receptions.
- 6 Discussion of proposed partnership with Missoula Cultural Council.
- PAC needs
 1. a physical home, with office, desk, phone, storage
 2. additional funding for repair and maintenance of artwork
 3. a dedicated staff to assist with projects
 - Jim Nugent is drafting a ½ % for Public Art maintenance for City Council to approve.
 - Tom explained MCC's relationship with the city and the financial support given to MCC through the annual budget. Tom is working with city staff to present a budget enhancement request to the city this fall to cover increased services by MCC, including the hiring of part time staff for PAC administration.
 - Peter presented an Agreement of Services proposal for discussion. The initial impression is that the scope might prove to be more than a ¼ time position, but the committee unanimously endorsed the spirit of the document.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Bensen