

**City of Missoula Public Art Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015**

Members present: Peter Lambros, Kathi Olson, Taag Peterson, Julie Armstrong, Courtney LeBlanc, Ted Hughes, Doug Olson, and Patrick Weasel Head.

Others present: Sarah Clark, Kyra Searcy (UM Environmental Studies), Tom Bensen (Missoula Cultural Council)

1. Call to order at 4:07 p.m. Sarah Clark and Kyra Searcy were attending as part of a class at UM, to sit in on a city committee.
2. No public comment.
3. Minutes were approved.
4. PAC Organization Update. City council passed both the ordinance change as well as the budget amendment to fund a ¼ FTE through the Missoula Cultural Council. Peter thanked Patrick and Marilyn Marler for their leadership in steering these proposals through City Council.
 - The new ordinance adds ½ percent to any new city project, to be used for maintenance of our growing collection of public art. If this fund reached \$200,000, then the excess can be used toward a new art piece. The total is now 1½ %. The original 1% is still divided up to be no less than 80% for the artwork, and 20% for administrative costs such as advertising and receptions.
 - The mayor insisted on striking the original language that required consultation with the committee regarding appointees, to keep the appointment procedure consistent with other city committees. He had wanted to require a certain percentage of work to be by a local artist, but dropped that request at the suggestion of the committee.
 - New partnership with Missoula Cultural Council (MCC). The ¼ FTE position will begin in January. Tom Bensen will work with committee members in the interview process. MCC will also provide storage space for models, and the administrator will compile information from PAC members that is currently on several personal computers into a “virtual office.” There needs to be constant communication between the MCC office and the PAC regarding regular PAC admin hours, which will involve attending meetings, taking minutes, communicating with city staff for posting of announcements, art calls, meeting minutes, and budget.

Tom needed to leave at 5:10. Ted Hughes agreed to finish taking minutes.

5. Kathi Olson informs committee that MDOT plans on replacing 9 of the downtown signal boxes . . . all painted. Grant money will be tracked down and the new boxes re-painted. PAC forms subcommittee to decide what to do with removed boxes. Committee is Ted

Hughes, Taag Petersen, and Kathi Olson. Another round of Traffic Signal Boxes will occur after the new year, funded by \$4000 from the Neighborhoods. Next phase of Traffic Signal Box program will take place in the spring.

6. MDOT is building roundabouts at the Orange St and Van Buren St off ramps. Might be able to suggest to MDOT to set aside some money for some gateway to Missoula art.
7. Helena is painting its decommissioned parking meters. You can still put quarters in the meters to donate to a local non-profit. The Helena Symphony, for example.
8. Continuing . . . suggestions for prioritizing work load for new admin person. Sort committee by specialties to serve as liaisons for the new hire.
9. Tom Rippon sculpture at Transit Center has been damaged by vandals. Kathi, Ted, and Taag will track down original plans for the work and arrange repair.
10. FYI, Silver Foundation is still interested in funding a Silver Memorial sculpture at Silver Park. Unsure how this will play out.

Next meeting: December 15th, 4pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Bensen and Ted Hughes