

## City of Missoula Public Art Committee Minutes

April 18, 2023, 4:00 pm

Members Present: Kathi Olson, Chair, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, Danielle Vazquez, Mia Hanak, Erika Hickey

Members Absent: Tiana Grise, Mirtha Becerra, James Walter

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 1.1 Roll Call

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 2.1 3/21/23 Minutes

Debra moves to approve the March minutes. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor. Non opposed. Motion passes.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

### 4. BUDGET UPDATE

Kathi starts by saying the neighborhood office has initiated the transfer for \$5,300 for the Traffic Circle Project. This will be on next month's budget.

Kathi adds that we have \$1,300 for the second image for the upcoming TCP. This will be a collaborative effort between the artist Emma Covill and the neighborhood. Kathi, James, and Emma will sit down to set some parameters for this project soon.

Kathi talks about how Mirtha was working with finance from past projects where there was some misinterpretation of the 1 1/2 % for art ordinance. Kathi says that there should have been money transferred into the account, but it hasn't yet.

Gwen notifies the committee that Mirtha has spoken to legal about this issue. Kathi was not aware that there was an issue with legal about this. She was told that the money and the interpretation was missed on the budgeting and administration. Kathi was told that the money and the interpretation was missed.

Kathi, Gwen and Mirtha will connect on this issue at a later time.

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

#### 5.1 PAC Live Summer 2023

Kathi talks about PAC Live from previous years where we have funded performance artists in the summer months on First Fridays. PAC advertises for this project and it has been a success in the past. Kathi adds that the discussion in last month meeting was to make a decision on PAC Live this month.

Kathi brings up that we don't have a coordinator for the project so we need to make the decision if we want to continue PAC Live, and if so, we need someone to lead this and start fundraising.

Debra adds that she talked to Parks and Rec and called Gary Gillette (Music Director for Missoula City Band) to discuss the idea of a performance in Bonner Park. She says they would not advise PAC Live artists to perform before the band concert because it takes them about an hour to set up, but it could be possible to do something after the concert. Debra talks about the time frame for the band's performances in the park is from 7:30 - 8:30 and the park closes at 9pm so that will not work.

Debra says there are 3 band concerts this summer one night a month (June, July, August) where they have a vocalist (Katelyn Sisler) that sings with the band. Debra suggests a collaboration with the city band and PAC live to support the artist affiliated with the band. Debra adds that there would be costs and permits involved if we were to do our own event in the parks. We would not have to pay for insurance. Kathi asks does Parks and Rec charge this to all entities. Debra says yes. Debra talked to a Marcus Milyko about these issues.

Kathi returns to the topic- Do we like the idea of PAC Live? Kathi says it has been good PR coverage for PAC. Kathi asks Gwen if we can table this action item for next month so we do not have to vote on it today.

Kathi suggests we start with a First Friday event in August for PAC Live and possible collaboration with Katelyn Sisler (singer from the city band) Kathi says she would like this collaboration.

Mia suggests that we use the funds that we set aside to fund the first PAC live performance with the band and then we work between then and now to raise additional funds and then open up an art call for PAC live.

Debra will let Gary Gillette know that we are considering this PAC artist and the collaboration with City Band and that we will be voting on this in May.

Erika has a question on how we would go about fundraising for PAC Live. Kathi answers to let people know that we typically pay the artists \$300 - \$600 depending on the groups, the artists are recognized in our media content related to PAC Live, etc.

Mia says she has a donor who might be interested. She will contact this person.

Kathi says we will table this topic until next month's meeting.

## **6. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Social Media Update**

Nathan talks about how he has changed all of our social media handles to public art missoula so instagram, facebook and our website are all consistent.

Kathi talks about the history of our website and how we lost the domain name: City of Missoula Public Art which made it hard to keep all handles the same since "City of Missoula Public Art" was taken from our website and instagram. "Public Art Missoula" was the only handle that could be used throughout all media sources.

## **6.2 R.A.C.E. / Cognizant Funding Proposal**

Kathi says we have finished the grant proposal at the Downtown Association, but Kathi lets the committee know that Cognizant does not want artwork on the building at this time. Kathi says Lillian Nelson was the chosen artist for this project so we are currently looking for a new location for the art. Kathi adds because of this, the grant has not been submitted to the Downtown Association yet.

## **6.3 Stormwater Mural Project**

Kathi says there are no updates on this project. They are still trying to figure out size and location. Kathi adds that Stormwater is currently focusing on cleaning up the graffiti wall by the California St. Bridge so there will be updates on Mural project at a later date.

## **6.4 Public Art Coordinator Email**

Gwen says IT is going through restructuring so not much has moved forward with this.

Kathi adds that another part of this issue is that Nathan is not able to schedule the teams meetings because he does not have a city email.

Gwen says she will continue to work on this issue with the city.

## **6.5 Bloomberg Grant Opportunity**

Kathi has not heard of any updates on the Bloomberg grant opportunity.

Mia says she has logged in to the Bloomberg Grant webpage, and under activity it says "in progress" and "active". Mia adds that the date for the winners has not been announced yet. Mia asks should we contact them about a date. Kathi suggests we should wait a little longer before contacting them.

## **6.6 Indigenous Mural Project**

Gwen had a conversation with Donna Gaukler (Director of Parks and Rec) and they are working on defining the project and they need to do an MOA.

Gwen adds that Parks and Rec. can't have the Public Art Committee sign the memorandum since they are an advisory board. Kathi is confused about this because the PAC has signed memorandums before. Gwen isn't sure why, just due to the nature of the project Donna would like more structure and time to look things over.

## **6.7 Traffic Circle Project (Hollis & Livingston / Bike Month: May in Motion)**

Kathi reminds the committee that May is Bike/ Walk month (May in Motion). They are going to work with the neighborhood soon to figure out which week in May works best for everyone involved.

## **6.8 Traffic Signal Box Project**

Kathi informs the committee that the Traffic Signal Box Art Call is live on our website, social media and the city website. The city has also sent this art call out the artist list provided by the city. The deadline for the art call is June 2nd. 1-2 weeks after the art call deadline, we will have an artist selection committee meeting to choose the 3 artists for

the 3 locations, then 2 weeks after that, we will have the interviews of the artists. The dedication will be the First Friday of September.

#### **6.9 Missoula Sculpture Park**

Kathi says Donna has asked that we do a feasibility study for this project; working with the 3 neighborhoods' affiliated with this park and have more definitive conversations about different possible locations for the sculpture park.

Kathi would like to ask the committee if anyone would like to be apart of this working group.

Gwen asks what is in feasibility study? Kathi says they ask questions pertaining to artist concerns, welfare issues, funding, financing, process/procedures, maintenance and care of art, disability access, etc. Basically, looking at the project from beginning to end.

Gwen asks how is the feasibility analyzed? Kathi answers that Parks and Rec has outlines for all of that which PAC has always followed.

Dennis asks what is our next step in this project. Kathi answers we wait to hear from Donna to see how the feasibility study went.

Mia would like to be a part of this working committee.

#### **6.10 Environmental Art**

Kathi notifies the committee that Mia was selected along with her group to do a sculpture at Burning Man this year and to bring back an art piece to Missoula from Burning Man. Mia says we will bring the Burning Man piece back to Missoula Sept. 8th. She adds that she would like to find an outdoor location for the piece prior to Sep. 8th if possible.

Erika volunteers to help with this working group.

Kathi asks is there any opportunities to bring additional pieces from Burning Man to Missoula. Kathi asks if there are other Missoula / Montana artists who did a piece at Burning Man. Mia says she isn't sure but will look into this.

Mia says the piece we are bringing back illuminates at night, it has a media component so it will not actually burn. It will be a traveling public art piece with temporary installments.

Mia says the audio and visual component of the Burning Man piece was created by the Washoe Tribe and she adds that the audio can be reprogrammed for when we bring it to Missoula if needed.

#### **6.11 "We Are But One Thread" Lillian Nelson - Cleaning**

Kathi is still waiting to hear a date from Lillian Nelson about this cleaning. She thinks it will be June or July. She reminds the committee that Berkshire Hathaway will help with the cleaning on this as well.

As soon as we have a date, Nathan will let the committee know.

#### **6.12 Annual Meeting Review**

Kathi reminds the committee to continue to look over this document to keep us on track.

**7. Tabled Projects**

**7.1 Branding**

**7.2 Rattlesnake Neighborhood**

**7.3 Audio Interpretation Project**

**7.4 Project Procedures**

**7.5 Public Art Planning in Public Spaces**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS**

Danielle says they are having an event at the end of the month with the Free Verse Project. The event will be held at Suite Two. She invites the committee to attend.

Kathi says she was contacted by Street Dept. Director Brian Kinsel. He says MDT is looking to re-do the Orange St. under pass. This means the mural project that PAC worked on with the University of Montana would essentially be destroyed. Kathi would like them to allocate some money so we could do another mural project. Kathi says we will have this on the agenda for next month and hopefully have more information on this by then. Debra would be interested in attending this working group with Kathi.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourns at 5:26 PM