

Journal Of Proceedings
Missoula City Council Meeting

December 20, 2022, 4:00 pm
Jack Reidy Conference Room (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)
Attend in person: Jack Reidy Conference Room, 140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT

Members Present: Kathi Olson, Chair, James Walter, Vice Chair, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, Danielle Vazquez, Mia Hanak

Members Absent: Mirtha Becerra, Tiana Grise, Erika Hickey

Administration Absent: Lynn Rehbein

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 11.15.22 Minutes

James makes a motion to approve the minutes. Debra seconds the motion. Minutes approved

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Kathi explains the last donations were reported for PAC Live. We are still working on getting the money transferred from the neighborhood projects for the Traffic Circle Projects. This money will be coming in the beginning of the year: \$5,300. We did expend \$4,000 of that to our artist. The remaining money will be in support of the additional traffic circle project in May.

5. ACTION ITEMS

There are no action items this month.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Indigenous Mural Project

Mirtha made a great presentation last month during the meeting about the Indigenous mural project. There are 2 walls on the Northwestern Energy substation that they are working on. PAC will work with the selection of the art with the remaining 2 walls.

Dennis asks who chooses the art? Kathi answers Northwestern Energy is the primary entity for this project and has final say of what art will be going on on these walls.

Nathan will email everyone the presentation that Mirtha did last month on the Indigenous Mural project.

Kathi explains the completion of the first 2 walls will be around May - July.

Dennis asks how big are the panels. Kathi says 12 X 16 or 12 X 20. The material is a canvas like substance that has an adhesive on the back.

Mia asks about the timeline for this project and our involvement in this. Kathi says it could be next Fall or early Summer. Kathi explains we will meet in Jan. as a meeting group on this project and plan a time to start our selections based on funding and NW Energy approval.

6.2 DASH Project

-The DASH project is tentatively set for mid Jan. Kathi has been in contact with Missoula Public Library about a date for the installation and dedication event, but has not received a definitive answer yet from the library.

- If anything changes from now until the new year, Kathi and Dennis will notify everyone on the committee.

- Kathi talks about the artist: Mike Lustig is ready to install and things are ready to go. Kathi would like to do an opening reception for this project. She has talked to Dave Strohmaier to speak during this event. We would also like the mayor to speak but have not discussed this with him yet.

- Kathi tells the committee that the installation will take about 8 hours and he will be bringing someone with him to help install. Kathi talks about the shape of Mike Lustig's piece. It will capture the attention of people for sure.

- Mia asks if the engineering and the install plan has been approved. Kathi answers yes.

- Kathi says she will keep everyone posted on this project.

6.3 Funding - Bloomberg Grant Opportunity

- Kathi talks about the Bloomberg Foundation in the past has invited PAC to apply for bi-annual grants: It is a public art challenge. They award up to a million dollars to be extended over 2 years. We have applied in the past, but when we received the invitation, it was too late. We worked with Corky Clairmont and the tribe to have a visual projection project on landscapes and buildings between Stevensville and Polson. We are working with Native American artists to make this happen.

-Proposals are due Feb. 15th. There are requirements for this proposal: they are temporary in nature and have some permits.

-Mia talks about the basic requirements: this will go towards temporary projects and could be multiple installations over a 24 month period, it doesn't have to be one particular thing, it could be a part of public/ private collaborations, and strengthen local economy. We will have to work with the mayor's office and the city. She continues we have every right to apply and be qualified for this Grant. Finalists will be announced in the Spring and the final top ten artists will be announced in the Fall. Installations will take place for a 24 month period from 2024 - 2025. Mia and Kathi met and have brainstormed about this project. She talks about how this could overlap with the sculpture park project, environmental art installation, etc.

- Mia talks about making a working group for this project. We will schedule something at the Mayors office and this topic will be further discussed in the Jan PAC meeting.
- The funds could go towards: project development, execution, and marketing. Mia and Kathi are thinking something with the temporary art installations. We could work and identify artists and potential sites: this wouldn't be an open art call it would be more of a limited/ specific invitation.
- The committee is on board for this opportunity. Kathi expresses that the Bloomberg foundation have had temporary and environmental art and there is a broad range of what could be done.
- Mia proposes we put something together: Creating a budget and gathering artist involvement.
- Nathan will send out an invite to everyone on the PAC who is interested in being on a meeting group for this opportunity.
- Danielle leaves at 4:36 *

6.4 Missoula Sculpture Park

- Kathi explains we have a draft proposal for the sculpture park project. We need a basic introductory proposal for this and we want to have the neighborhood committee and stake holders a part of this conversation.
- What we have learned from Parks and Rec. is that the trail pathways will be widened to 20- 30 ft to accommodate for more through traffic.
- The question is can this be a sculpture park that retains the character of that park. The neighborhood has issues with the parking because it is a residential neighborhood.
- Dennis talks about forming 501c3 (non-profit) for this and it will be called the Missoula Park Foundation. Kathi adds Chuck is a private individual and is not a member of the PAC. Because this is a public park, that is why the public art committee is involved. Kathi adds if there is a 501c3 that would be dedicated to this it isn't a negative thing, but until that is formed, people can still donate to this sculpture park to the city of Missoula. This money would be tax deductible.
- Kathi adds Chuck wants to raise money for this so if the public likes the art pieces they could purchase them (some would be temporary, some would be permanent).
- James adds this is a great opportunity for local artists in Missoula. Kathi also adds it is great that International artists could come in and also work with local artists.
- Kathi will review the comments that the PAC have expressed about this project and update the proposal.

6.5 Environmental Art

- Mia talks about how she will have the presentation ready (similar to what she did with the mural projects last month) in the next couple months.
- Kathi adds that she has discussed with Mia to bring up some sculptures and do a burning man exhibition. Mia says if it were existing works of art, it would take

transportation, installation, and some type of stipend for the duration. Kathi asks is there a catalog of sculptures that are available? Mia answers yes and she can request this from them. People do keep track of this.

- Kathi talks about possible locations: Caras park possibly or a handful of parks around Missoula with temporary art.

- Mia has already talked to a couple artists in Missoula about this project.

- There is an education part of this as well: Not a lot of people know what environmental art is so we could use technologies, work with local organizations, projects on buildings etc.

- Most importantly for this project, is to work with the local community groups and find some type of messaging that resonates with the local eco-system.

- Mia talks about the potential sites for this. Kathi adds there is a list of potential sites so it should be fairly easy to organize this.

- Mia asks about who would be involved in this project? Kathi answers Parks and Rec. unless it is a private park.

- Mia will make a visual presentation on this that will be presented in the Feb. or March PAC meeting.

6.6 Traffic Circle Project (Hollis and Livingston / Bike Month: May in Motion)

- Art Call Deadlines are in May. Proposals are due in the first week of June.

- Kathi adds we have not submitted to any neighborhood grants. The timeframe is problematic for this project: we have to take this project into the next fiscal year. She adds we have private donors and 1 public donor for \$3,000.

- Kathi says we have a Traffic Circle Project in May. James will be taking the lead in this project. It will be the same artist that did the TSP in October (Emma Covill) that will work on the May project.

- Mia asks what support do you need for this project? James talks about how in the last meeting, he discussed arts funding with Mirtha and how to raise more money for the general art expenditure. He expresses that it has been difficult to raise the money from the general art fund.

- James talks about how they have been enhancing the Greenway network (where the TSB are located around the city). With this information, we could find out where the primary ones are and work towards those. James talks about how there are traffic scenarios that dictate where the most critical installations need to be made.

6.7 Audio Interpretation Project

Kathi says this is on hold for the time being.

6.8 Project Procedures

6.9 Annual Meeting Review

Nathan will continue to add the Annual Meeting Review to the agenda each month.

- 7. Tabled Projects**
 - 7.1 Traffic Signal Box Project**
 - 7.2 PAC LIVE**
 - 7.3 Branding**
 - 7.4 Rattlesnake Neighborhood**
- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned: 5:13pm

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk

John Engen, Mayor

Kelly Elam, Administrative Assistant ||