

**Journal Of Proceedings**  
**Missoula City Council Meeting**

**February 21, 2023, 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, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, Mia Hanak, Erika Hickey, Mirtha Becerra

Members Absent: Tiana Grise, Danielle Vazquez, James Walter

Administration Absent: Lynn Rehbein

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1 1/17/23 Minutes**

Debra moves to approve the January PAC minutes. Dennis seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

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

Marie Noland & Lyndsey Holloway from the Stormwaters division within the Public Works Department are here today to talk about a possible mural project on the the flood-wall behind the Holiday Inn on the river side. They are here to talk about a possible collaboration with PAC. They express how It could be really nice to have some sort of water quality message that recreators can see during the summer months.

Kathi talks about how we are starting a sub group to look for possibilities for mural projects and getting involved more with these types of projects. Kathi says the PAC is very intrigued about this opportunity and is excited for a possible collaboration with the Public Works Department. She adds this is great location for a mural as well.

Kathi asks about the time frame for this project.

Marie says we have lots of flexibility with time so whatever works for the PAC.

Kathi talks about the process of an art call for this project and the procedures that would have to take place. She adds that a project like this would take about 2 months.

Marie says by the March PAC meeting, they will have some measurements / pictures of the flood-wall to bring to the PAC.

Lyndsey asks: Have you ever seen a public art project directly funded by a business?

Kathi answers there has been a lot of private money donated to projects like this.

Mia adds once we have the measurements of the flood-wall, we can give them an estimate to how much it would cost and an appropriate budget.

Kathi says we will be in touch with Marie and Lyndsey to discuss our options.

#### **4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Kathi talks about the Blackfoot donation check of \$500.00 has been located and will be shown in next month's budget report

Kathi says she is looking forward to being apart of the design team for the federal building.

Mirtha says she will have more information about the money involving the federal building for the next PAC meeting.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **5.1 R.A.C.E. / (Cognizant Funding Proposal)**

Kathi talks about R.A.C.E and how they would like to work with PAC for a possible mural for their building. Currently, there is no money from Cognizant for this project, so they are personally donating to the project but would still like to apply for the Downtown partnership's \$5,000 grant and work with PAC as administrators for the funds. R.A.C.E. are waiting for approval of the building for this project because they are leasing that space.

Kathi talks about how all of the affinity groups from Cognizant will be in Missoula at the end of July, and they would like to unveil this project at this time if possible. They have also asked other affinity groups to help with donations.

Mia asks about the dimensions of the panels. Kathi estimates 20 X 20. They would like to do this on the panels facing the park on the building.

Dennis asks about the artist for this project. Kathi answers it will be Lilli Nelson.

Mia agrees that it would be a good idea that the PAC support this group.

Mirtha asks are we going to make a subcommittee for this? Who will be the main contact person for this project? Kathi answers it would be her, but any member of the PAC is invited to join this group.

Mia adds that the sub mural committee that is already created could add this project to their list of projects.

Kathi would like to make a motion to have PAC work with R.A.C.E affinity group of Cognizant to help implement and advise them on this mural project.

Mia makes a motion to work with R.A.C.E to help with a creation of the art mural. Dennis seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Approval of Cognizant Funding Proposal

AYES: (5): Kathi Olson, Chair, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, Mia Hanak, and Erika Hickey

ABSENT: (2): Tiana Grise, and Danielle Vazquez

**Vote result: Approved (5 to 0)**

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

### **6.1 DASH Project**

The art dedication / unveiling of the DASH project went very well last month.

Dave Strohmaier (County Commissioner), Mayor Jordan Hess, and Slaven Lee (E.D. of MPL) spoke at this event. Artist Mike Lustig was very happy and enjoyed his time in Missoula with the installation.

This was a great start to our relationship with DASH and the artwork looks beautiful on the lower stairwell in the Missoula Public Library.

There is discussion to install a sign under the artwork. Kathi also adds that a story about the art piece on the sign could be a possibility. The committee likes this idea. Kathi has written out a story to add to the sign.

### **6.2 Bloomberg Grant Opportunity**

Kathi and Mia have finished the application for the Bloomberg Grant and have put together a proposal for the committee to look over.

They have put together the basics of the project with the inclusion of JEDI. Mia points out that we have a letter of support from Mayor Hess.

Our civic issue has to be well thought out and current and in line within our community because we are competing against hundreds of cities for this grant. It makes sense to have a 2 year public program: JEDI through public art.

Kathi and Mia will share the application electronically to the committee.

They will select the winner of the grant in the Fall of 2023, but there are also organizations around town that would support this project as well.

We think the program is so strong, that we still want to pursue this with additional funds from the community even if we do not get this grant.

Slaven Lee would like the Missoula Public Library to a part of this project as well.

Kathi and Mia will keep the committee updated about this opportunity.

### **6.3 Indigenous Mural Project**

Mirtha says there are no updates on this. They are trying to figure out the financial part of this in the next couple of months. The hope is to have phase one of this project be executed by the end of the summer.

Mia asks: just for phase one, how much are we fundraising for / how much do we need to apply for grants.

Mirtha says that at least \$3,000 for the printing of artwork. Also Installation costs needs to come from City Parks: who will work on this from their department in compensations.

Mirtha talks about how we need to get the number of how much it will cost overall. All of these pieces are being put together right now.

Kathi adds that a possible collaboration with Northwestern Energy for this project would be beneficial.

Mia asks if it is possible to apply for the downtown foundation grant for this project. Mirtha says yes that could be a possibility, but she isn't sure about how the foundation would feel about the private/ public partnerships involved in this project.

Mia thinks we should apply for this grant. She asks who would be the entity applying? Kathi says that the PAC would be the entity. The end of March is the first deadline.

Mirtha advises that we wait to figure out the exact number of the entire project before applying.

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

No updates on this project. Kathi adds that James has been working with the neighborhood committee.

#### **6.5 Traffic Signal Box Project**

Next month, we will have the final art call for this project. We will have a minimum of 3 signal boxes and possibly 4 redos of signal boxes.

#### **6.6 Missoula Sculpture Park**

Kathi talks about how we are continuing to work with the neighborhood association for this project. We are wanting to schedule a meeting with them soon.

#### **6.7 Public Art in Public Spaces**

Kathi talks about a public planning process involving public art in the parks. An idea that came out of this, was looking for money to have a planning process to work with the Parks Board and the community- a community wide process in the parks: what parks have infrastructure and which ones don't, different sizes of parks, neighborhood discussion, etc. What would be appropriate in each park.

Mirtha adds we need to engage with the Park board more to have a collaborative approach to this.

Kath adds we also need to go to the neighborhood association meetings as well.

#### **6.8 Environmental Art**

Mia discusses exploring an art installation somewhere in Missoula in 2023 and getting at least one project funded.

Dennis adds depending on the location and the art, he thinks this is a great project for the PAC to be a part of.

Mia adds we will continue to work on this project and keep everyone posted.

#### **6.9 Project Procedures**

Kathi reminds the committee that when we are a part of these working groups, we need to document the steps we are taking so future PAC members have references and materials to look over.

**6.10 Annual Meeting Review**

Mia suggests that Nathan adds JEDI through Public Art Program to the Current Projects list.

Kathi suggests that we add this as an action item on next months agenda and then add it to an official current project.

Mia also suggests that we add Mural Art Program for current projects and note somewhere on the goals sheet the Stormwater and the R.A.C.E projects that we are actively pursuing. Nathan will add these to the document.

**7. Tabled Projects**

**7.1 PAC Live**

Kathi asks if any PAC member would take the lead on this- we need to get the money raised, put the art call out, and have the selection of the artists. She thinks we need to have an in depth discussion about this in next month's meeting.

**7.2 Branding**

**7.3 Rattlesnake Neighborhood**

**7.4 Audio Interpretation Project**

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned: 5:33 PM

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Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk

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John Engen, Mayor

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Kelly Elam, Administrative Assistant ||