

Journal Of Proceedings
Missoula City Council Meeting

January 17, 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: Mirtha Becerra, Kathi Olson, Chair, James Walter, Vice Chair, Tiana Grise, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, Danielle Vazquez, Mia Hanak, Erika Hickey

Administration Absent: Lynn Rehbein

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 12.20.22 Minutes

Dennis makes a motion to approve the minutes. Debra seconds the motion. Motion passes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Denise Higgins from the Missoula Downtown Foundation attends the meeting today. She is here to talk about a new funding opportunity that their foundation is offering for artists to increase the public art in downtown Missoula. They are looking to fund 3 projects at about \$5,000 each. They are looking for applications from artists or art groups and they will pair that artist(s) with a downtown building or a downtown building could have an artist in mind and help with this process. She talks about their website and how people can apply. She has left a press release with the Public Art Committee and is here to answer any questions.

Kathi talks about how the PAC has worked with business owners in helping them support public art and the funding process so the Public Art Committee is willing to help in anyway they can.

Mia asks when applications are due. Denise replies that the first phase of applications are due March 30-31. The applications will be submitted quarterly.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Mirtha gives an overview of acquisitions of federal buildings by the city: She has had several meetings with key staff who are working with the Administration Dept. to grant this building to the city and the county. They have started to discuss the funding for both city and county (it is a joint effort). She continues we are in the beginning stages of this and prepping legal documents to be ready to take the building and what this would mean for the inclusion of the public art committee.

Kathi talks about the \$500.00 donation for PAC Live from Blackfoot Communications and how they are going to re-issue that check because it is not in our records. She continues that this money will still be in this fiscal year.

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6.1 DASH Project

Dennis talks about after 2 years of working with artist Mike Lustig and the non profit: DASH, will be installing his art on Jan. 28th in the Missoula Public Library. Mike will be here to install the art on the 26th and 27th of Jan. He needs help with the installation, so Kathi found a few people to help him.

Kathi adds how we can't start installation until 5pm on the 26th at the Missoula Public Library.

Nathan will take pictures and video documentation of the art installation for social media on this day.

The art talk will be at 2PM at the Missoula Public Library. The exact room for the dedication is still being discussed.

Kathi talks about food during the dedication and if anyone has ideas for this. She adds that Nathan is organizing to get cookies with the art design air brushed on top.

Kathi talks about how we are contacting the media for this event, James will be interviewing Mike on his radio broadcasting and this event will be open to the public.

Kathi asks about a Saturday lunch with Mike with the Public Art Committee (some social meeting). Some members will be available for this. Mirtha adds we can just meet him at the library if he will be too busy for lunch.

6.2 Funding - Bloomberg Grant Opportunity

Mia talks about how Bloomberg is offering a webinar so she has registered for that on Jan 23rd to help answer questions about programs and requirements.

Mia adds that we have the framework for this project. The deadline for this is Feb 15th. (before our next PAC meeting). Mia did more research about temporary art installation program and what that would look like and has investigated all Parks and Rec. sites: There are 75 parks in the city of Missoula. 7/ 75 of the parks have public art. 20 / 75 of the parks have interpretive art (memorial, descriptive, etc.)

Mia proposes to explore the relationship between PAC, Parks and Rec and the city for these specific sites. She adds since this is temporary art, the process is easier than if it were permanent art installations.

Mia adds assisting with making these parks have a sense of cultural and environmental collaboration is important and the PAC would help with this process.

Kathi talks about how they met with the tribal council, and they had an unanimous decision quickly about this project. They discussed including indigenous artists and the inclusion of the Northwestern Energy project.

Mia says her and Kathi will connect on this before the deadline in February.

Mirtha asks did you have a specific site in mind and have you coordinated with Parks and Rec and checked with HOA in these neighborhoods. Mia answers yes. She proposes for the initial fund, we have collaboration with Parks and Rec, Tribal Council and the city to discuss specific sites and research this further. We don't have to present the sites up front.

6.3 Cognizant Collaboration Project

Kathi talks how APG was purchased by Cognizant. They now have a new building. She was contacted by Daniella who is a firm believer of public art and wants to work with the PAC and develop a public art program with Cognizant.

They firstly wanted to do a mural in Missoula to portray our current social issues (LGBTQ, BIPOC, etc.) in a positive framework. They have contacted Lilian Nelson (Artist) to do the mural. They would like this initial piece to be in the vicinity of their new building (around Silver Park). The building has some great flat panels for public art and Lilian is looking at cost for materials for the mural.

Kathi expresses this could be a great location for a mural and this would be a permanent piece. Kathi would like to put this topic as an action item next month during the PAC meeting to approve this project. She also talks about how this could be a great collaboration between PAC and Cognizant.

11 financial groups would potentially help fund this project. And depending on the finances the PAC would help with this. Mirtha asks if there is a financial commitment with PAC and this project? Kathi answers no. PAC would have to accept the combined funds and work with any of the funding opportunities to approve.

Question: How accessible is the building to the public? Kathi answers it is very accessible to the public: From their new building, they could see the mural from all of their windows. Kathi tells the PAC that they are welcome to join in the next meeting with Cognizant.

Mirtha asks about how much money will be given for this project? Kathi answers: \$5,000 to \$7,000

Each side wall is 10 ft. x 6 ft. and the Main wall is 26 ft. X 6 ft. (it would be 3-sided)

6.4 Indigenous Mural Project

Mirtha says since we last met, she has not had any other meetings with them so there are no funding decisions made at this time. Mia asks if Mirtha knows the current budget for phase 1 or 2 of this project? Mirtha answers not yet and adds that the 2nd phase will be different.

Mia says she would be happy to research other grants besides Bloomberg for this project.

6.5 Traffic Circle Project (Hollis & Livingston / Bike Month: May in Motion)

Kathi talks about how James will work with the people who do Bike Month and schedule a week in May to work with the neighborhood groups in relation to this project.

6.6 Missoula Sculpture Park

Kathi says she was contacted by the neighborhood project and discussed their inclusion in this project. The neighborhood does not want this park to be a congested area with art and they are concerned with the parking. This would be a blend of permanent and temporary art.

Dennis asks if Silver Park is being considered for the sculpture park. Kathi expresses there is a lot of traffic at Silver Park and we need to take in to account the neighborhoods.

Mirtha asks: has Fort Missoula been considered for this project? Kathi says they are looking for something more central, but it could be considered.

6.7 Audio Interpretation Project

Kathi has had no communication from these people so there are no updates.

6.8 Environmental Art

Mia expresses this was combined with the discussion of the Bloomberg Grant: It would be identifying parks and which installations would take place.

6.9 Project Procedures

6.10 Annual Meeting Review

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

Mia talks about how we should discuss different funding opportunities for PAC

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 5:29 PM

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk

John Engen, Mayor

Kelly Elam, Administrative Assistant ||

