

## City of Missoula Public Art Committee Minutes

July 18, 2023, 4:00 pm

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

Members Absent: Tiana Grise, Danielle Vazquez, Mirtha Becerra, James Walter

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 1.1 Roll Call

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 2.1 5.23.23 Minutes

Kathi entertains a motion to approve the May minutes. Gwen makes a motion to approve. Debra seconds the motion. Motion passes.

#### 2.2 6.20.23 Minutes

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

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

Eric Hallstrom from the city is here virtually to observe the meeting.

### 4. BUDGET UPDATE

Kathi

#### 4.1 Recent Donations

Kathi lets everyone know we have \$700 dollars for donations for PAC Live. \$200.00 of this was slated for the July 12th event during the Missoula City Band Concert to vocalist Caitlin Cisler. The other \$500.00 donation was raised by PAC member Erika Hickey for the August PAC Live event.

Kathi notes that for PAC events to be included in the The Cultural Treasures portion of the Missoulian, \$160.00 will be taken out of the budget for next month.

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

#### 5.1 Parks & Recreation Maintenance Collaboration (\$250.00 - Elephant Snot)

Kathi reminds the committee that last month we discussed how Parks & Rec. uses a substance called "elephant snot" to remove tagging off of statues and other public sculptures.

Kathi would like to reimburse Parks & Rec. \$250.00 for the purchase of elephant snot.

Kathi would like to make a motion to transfer funds (\$250.00) to Parks & Rec. to reimburse them for the use of elephant snot. Gwen makes a motion to approve this transfer of funds. Erika seconds the motion. Motion passes.

PAC will use the operations and maintenance fund to transfer the money.

## **5.2 Reaffirming the 2023 TSB Artists**

Kathi lets the committee know the 3 TSB artist contracts are underway. Kathi reminds the committee of the 3 artists: Kaisha Meichell Gerhardt, Monica Gilles-Brings Yellow and Batoul Khoualani for the 3 available locations for traffic signal boxes.

Kathi would like to entertain a motion to approve the 3 TSB artists and have the contracts be sent over to the attorney's office to be then sent out to the artists.

Debra makes a motion to approve the 3 TSB artists. Dennis seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Kathi reminds the committee about how the payment process works for the TSB artists: they will get \$750 up front once the contract has been signed and they will receive the other \$750 when they finish the traffic signal box.

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

### **6.1 Public Art Maintenance in the Parks**

#### **6.1.1 "We Are But One Thread" - Lillian Nelson (Cleaning)**

Kathi reminds the committee that we approved Lillian Nelson and her husband to clean "We Are But One Thread" for the amount of \$300.00.

Lillian has stated she would like to do the cleaning either Aug. 2nd or Aug. 11th. She will let Kathi know this week her final decision of the date. Nathan will send out an email when the date is finalized to the committee.

### **6.2 Traffic Signal Box Project**

Kathi says once we have the contracts approved, we will have finance release the checks to the TSB artists.

### **6.3 PAC Live Summer 2023**

Debra lets the committee know about the Missoula City Band Concert and vocalist Caitlin Cisler: apart of our PAC Live event on July 12th.

Kathi lets the committee know Gary Gillette (Director of Missoula City Band) acknowledged the PAC during the concert, we had our PAC Live posters on sandwich boards and it was huge success.

Kathi notifies the committee that we have the August PAC Live art call live on the website, social media, and other online event sites. We are looking for 2 people or 2 groups - \$250.00 for each. We currently have one submission for the art call and the deadline will be Monday Aug. 24th.

### **6.4 Missoula Sculpture Park**

Kathi lets the committee know that a few groups around Missoula have evaluated all of the parks sites in Missoula and rated them.

The top parks that were elevated for priority: Silver Park and Clark Fork Natural Park. The draft has been sent to Donna Gaukler to be approved and to Parks and Rec. Once it is approved, we will send it out to the neighborhood council and other neighborhoods (all surrounding and adjacent).

Kathi discusses the pros and cons of these 2 parks to the committee.

Kathi would like to invite Chuck Leanord to the PAC meeting in August and do a short presentation about the sculpture park since he has been a part of this process since the beginning.

#### **6.5 Public Art Coordinator Email**

Gwen does not have an update on this issue.

Eric Hallstrom does not have an update on this, but this was one of the reasons he wanted to pop into the meeting today; to get a better understanding of what the PAC needs from the city. Eric says the public art coordinator email will be on his list of things to look into.

#### **6.6 Indigenous Mural Project**

Gwen has no update on this and lets the committee know that Donna Gaukler and Mirtha Beccera are the ones working on this particular project.

Kathi lets the committee know that a Missoulian Reporter heard about this project, talked to Parks and Rec who gave them Lisa Simon's and Kathi Olson's info. Lisa was going to contact this reporter, but Kathi would like the reporter to contact Mirtha and Donna about updates on this.

Gwen asks if it was Dave Porter who was the reporter? Kathi isn't 100% sure on this.

#### **6.7 Traffic Circle Project (Hollis & Livingston)**

Kathi says no updates on this. The artists Emma Covill says she can work on this project once we clarify a date.

#### **6.8 Burning Man Sculpture Project**

Mia notifies the committee that once herself and her team returns with this Burning Man Sculpture, it will be traveling as a public art installation at various locations and they would love to kick this off in Missoula. She adds how the PAC were talking about doing the installation in Missoula possibly in October but it could be done at a different date as well. She adds that this piece is weather resistant so it could be done in the Winter or Spring.

Mia will not be able to attend the August meeting because it will be during Burning Man, so during the September meeting, Mia will present on this project.

Mia shares a video of the Burning Man Sculpture to the committee.

She also adds that they have been thinking about locations for a temporary installation of the piece, working on renewable energy sources, and would like to work with the local indigenous tribes and climate science organizations for data. Mia says it is a very dynamic piece that would be great for Missoula to host.

#### **6.9 Annual Meeting Review**

Kathi reminds the committee to review our long-range plans. Kathi suggests we postpone this annual review meeting until October since there might be some new committee members joining in the next couple of months.

### **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**

#### **7.6 Skate Park / Higgins St. Bridge**

#### **7.7 Stormwater Mural Project**

#### **7.8 R.A.C.E. / Cognizant Collaborative Project**

#### **7.9 Environmental Art**

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

Kathi notifies the committee that Elissa White (Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Missoula County) reached out to the PAC about a possible suicide prevention mural for suicide prevention month in September. Kathi and Nathan will be meeting with her next Thursday to talk about their options

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned: 5:02 pm