

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

**June 21, 2022, 4:00 pm**  
**ZOOM Webinar**

Members Present: Mirtha Becerra, Kathi Olson, Chair, James Walter, Vice Chair, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, Stoney Samsoe, Greg Twigg, Danielle Vazquez

Members Absent: Tiana Grise

Administration Absent: Lynn Rehbein

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Kathi Olson calls the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**1.1 Roll Call**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1 05/03/22 Minutes**

Debra Parker moves to approve the minutes. James Walter seconds. Motion carries.

**2.2 05/17/22 Minutes**

Formal approval is not necessary due to no quorum present at this meeting.

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

Mia Hanak, pending public art committee member, introduces herself.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

No updates. In the next budget, a PAC Live donation will be present, and the two payments to our first PAC Live artists.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 Street Art Projects**

\$5300 awarded to Lewis & Clark neighborhood and Public Art Committee. The majority of the funding is going towards an artist stipend for a mural project.

The other portion of the grant is for community action in and around Sunday Streets.

The call for art communicates the expectation that the mural will be done by Sunday Streets 2022 on September 11.

James presents the art call including the project timeline.

Mirtha suggests that we create flyers and give them to organizations around town such as Soft Landing.

**Stoney motions to approve the art call and its dissemination for the streets project. Mirtha seconds. Unanimously approved.**

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

### **6.1 Chuck Leonard - Sculpture Park**

Chuck Leonard, University of Montana Professor Emeritus and sculptor, presents a proposal for a Sculpture Park located in Clark Fork River Natural Park.

Kathi and Chuck already met with Donna Gaukler, head of Parks and Recreation at Clark Fork to discuss the project. She is supportive.

Chuck would like to form a 501c3 to fundraise and manage the project. An alternate option would be to be an Arts Missoula incubator program and be under their umbrella.

He suggests that the Public Art Committee form a sub-committee that would then be part of the 501c3's board.

The art would be maintained by the Public Art Committee and the 501c3, and the grounds would be maintained by Parks and Rec.

Stoney suggests that we should look into a "Friends of" format for funding, e.g. Friends of the MAM. She also suggests that the "Friends of the Public Art Committee" could support other works and initiatives as well.

Mirtha asks Chuck if the park would be permanent or rotating. Chuck says the idea is both at the moment. He talks about Loveland, Colorado's model, and their park.

James, Greg, Kathi and Chuck will form a sub-committee in order to bring a solid idea to the next meeting.

James talks about community improvement grants from AARP as a funding source.

### **6.2 Western Montana Fair**

Members of the committee were invited to judge entries in the fine arts category for the Western Montana Fair. The judging will be sometime in August.

James will help judge the industrial arts division.

### **6.3 Indigenous Mural Project**

Mirtha shares that Parks and Rec have been working with Northwestern Energy to use the substation remodeling to create public art. City Council approved a lease to utilize the panel space.

Northwestern and Parks and Rec are working together to make sure the panels surrounding the substation will be suitable for art.

There have been conversations with Lisa Simon of Radius Gallery about Native artists.

Mirtha thinks the next steps will be fundraising to ensure the artist is compensated.

#### **6.4 Dash Sculpture**

Mike Lustig has not been in communication. Dennis is thinking of contacting Dash, the organization funding the project.

#### **6.5 Traffic Signal Boxes**

The art call has been published with a mid-July deadline.

Lillian Nelson will be repainting her traffic box beginning July 11th.

Kathi has secured funding for the traffic signal box on Broadway and Russell. She is also very close to getting the funding for Monica Gilles-BringsYellow to redo her box.

#### **6.6 Artwork Maintenance**

Still working on funding for repair for Go with the Flow. The total cost is about \$7000.

#### **6.7 Process and Procedures**

Kathi thanks everyone who has submitted their process and procedure documents. She will work with James for street art projects.

#### **6.8 Public Art Guide**

Should be printing sometime in the next week.

#### **6.9 Rattlesnake Neighborhood**

Kathi is working with Lillian Nelson and the Rattlesnake Neighborhood to coordinate a volunteer effort to clean Lillian's piece at the roundabout.

#### **6.10 Branding**

No updates. Kathi will try and touch base with Amy Coseo before the next meeting.

#### **6.11 PAC Live**

June's First Friday PAC Live went well. Jesse Blumenthal did blacksmithing utilizing an electric-powered bicycle workshop and members of the public participated in blacksmithing. Night Blooming Jasmine performed jazz.

Future funding will need to be discussed and more money is needed still, but Stoney secured a donation from Blackfoot Communications.

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

#### **7.1 Stoney Announcement**

This is Stoney's last meeting as a Public Art Committee member. She thanks the committee, and offers her assistance in the future.

**7.2 Idea Generation**

Stoney talks about accessibility, and what it means to connect artwork with a whole bunch of different folks. She talks about descriptive services for blind people. She thinks this could be a rich topic for the committee to explore in the future.

Kathi is still thinking about the cigarette box vending machine idea.

**7.3 Hybrid Meetings**

Beginning with next month's meeting, meetings will be hybrid. Members can choose to meet in person or virtually. More details to come.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:39

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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 ||