

City of Missoula Public Art Committee Minutes

May 23, 2023, 3:00 pm

Members Present: Kathi Olson, Chair, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, Mia Hanak, Gwen Jones

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 4.18.23 Minutes

Dennis moves to approve the April minutes with the correction of Gwen Jones being absent from the April minutes. Gwen seconds the motion. Motion passes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Kathi informs the committee that nothing has changed on the budget report for this month.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 PAC Live Summer 2023

Kathi informs the committee that she has put a submission of \$500 from a local company for PAC live. They did donate last year for PAC live. She hasn't heard a response yet from this company. Mia has found a \$300 sponsor for PAC live. She needs more details about the event for the sponsor before they can move forward. Kathi adds we are trying to raise a total of \$1,500.

Debra reached out to the Community Band and Director Gary Gillette about a possible collaboration with PAC live. On Wed July 12th, Caitlin Cisler will be singing at the Community band concert. They are asking if we could support this artist during the July concert and do a PAC live collaboration.

Debra adds that Caitlin is really talented, she sang for the symphony. Gary Gillette suggested \$100 for the artists. Kathi says we could at least give her \$200.

Kathi reminds everyone that we were also talking about doing PAC live in August for a First Friday downtown event. Kathi asks Debra to be the coordinator for this year's PAC live. Debra says she would be happy to help.

Mia is asking about the PSA. Nathan will update the sponsor boards for this year.

Kathi says we can make a commitment to pay Caitlin Cisler \$200 for the July 12th Community Band Concert.

By our June 20th PAC meeting, the committee decides that this is our deadline for fundraising for PAC live. Based on how much money we have fundraised; we will plan the August PAC live event.

Nathan will put out an art call for PAC live performers once we have a date selected for the August event.

Gwen would like to entertain a motion to schedule and fund PAC live 2023 for 2 events:

1.) the Community Band Concert (July 12th) for \$200 dollars to artist Caitlin Cisler)

2.) An August PAC live event on First Friday (up to \$300). By the June 20th meeting, we will make a decision on the August event(s). Mia seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Debra will reach back out to the Community Band and say we can sponsor Caitlin for the July PAC live event. She will also ask them if we can announce Caitlin on our social media to create some PSA's for the event.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6.1 "We Are But One Thread" Lillian Nelson Cleaning - Update

Kathi has been in communication with Lillian, she doesn't want to do the cleaning on the weekend, she would like to do it 9am in the morning. She will be picking the day (3rd or 4th week of June) and let Kathi know. Kathi reminds the committee that they will pay Lillian and her husband \$300 for the cleaning of "We Are But One Thread".

6.2 R.A.C.E. / Cognizant Funding Proposal

Kathi informs the committee that this proposal is still in progress. There are some staff transitions that are happening in the company, and they are working finding an alternative space for the mural since the owners of the the Cognizant building decided to not move forward with having it on their building.

6.3 Stormwater Mural Project

Kathi says they are still working on this. Until we have more information, we will move this topic to tabled items on the agenda for next month.

6.4 Public Art Coordinator Email

Gwen has put a request in for this, but nothing has moved forward on this project.

6.5 Bloomberg Grant Opportunity

Mia says the grant still says "in progress" so nothing has changed on this. There is no definite date on when they will announce the winners, it just says Spring 2023. Kathi and Mia will contact the Bloomberg Foundation and ask if there are any updates.

6.6 Indigenous Mural Project

No updates on this project at this time.

6.7 Traffic Circle Project (Hollis and Livingston)

Kathi explains, because James has been out of town and hasn't had the time to get this organized, we will not be doing this project in May. We are going to work with the

neighborhood (Lewis & Clark) and figure out a weekend in a different month. Kathi reminds the committee that we do have the funding for this, (\$1,300 for materials).

Kathi adds, that the artist Emma Covill is working on a much simpler design for this project and she is open to moving this project to a later month. Kathi is thinking July or August for this project. Kathi says she will be having a meeting with Kalina (Director of the Neighborhood) and she will talk to her about a good weekend for this event.

6.8 Traffic Signal Box Project

Kathi talks about the security at the Mayor's office and how the TSB models are not allowed to be dropped off here any longer. She informs the committee that the MRA office will be the new location to drop off the TSB models.

Mia asks how many submissions will be selected. Kathi answers 3.

Kathi talks about a few locations that need to be updated in the future. Kathi says it is \$1,500 per Traffic Signal Box.

Kathi reminds the committee to mark your calendars for the Selection TSB committee meeting June 13th from 3-5pm at the Jack Reidy Conference Rm. Nathan will schedule the room for us at this time.

6.9 Missoula Sculpture Park

Kathi asks if anyone from the committee is available this Friday at 5:30pm to discuss the feasibility study for the Sculpture Park. Kathi passes the final draft of this study out to the committee for them to look over.

Mia asks could this draft be used for the Friday meeting. Kathi says not yet. Mia says she is available Friday at 5:30pm. Kathi will email the Sculpture Park working committee the details for the Friday meeting so they can attend.

6.10 Environmental Art

Mia says for this environmental art installation, we are building it in Missoula, transporting to Burning Man, then bringing it back to Missoula Sep. 8th. She lets the committee know that we would need a 2 week window to reinstall this piece in Missoula. She continues that there could be a possible installation date / dedication of Oct. 6th.

For this to happen, we would need to change the audio / visual component of this piece because it will be recorded with the Washo Tribe. We would need to change the audio/ visual component to Missoula's local tribes and possibly have Corky Clairmont be involved in this.

Kathi adds that money would have to be raised for this project. The visual artist and the installation labor would have to be paid for this.

Mia adds that it is a team of 20 people who will be working on this Burning man piece with a lot of Missoula based artists.

Mia will make a slideshow about the history of Burning Man and potential sites for this specific art installation for the June 20th PAC meeting.

The committee is excited about this possible opportunity. Mia says we are doing a press release about this installation and she would like to get the opinion of the public to see if people would like us to bring this piece back to Missoula. She adds we could post something on our social media about this.

6.11 Annual Meeting Review

Kathi reminds the committee that we will have an annual meeting soon (possibly July or August) just like we did last year.

7. Tabled Projects

7.1 Branding

7.2 Rattlesnake Neighborhood

7.3 Audio Interpretation Project

7.4 Public Art Planning in Public Spaces

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourns: 5:15pm