

## City of Missoula Public Art Committee Minutes

October 17, 2023, 4:00 pm

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

Members Absent: Tiana Grise, Mirtha Becerra, James Walter

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 1.1 Roll Call

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 2.1 9.19.23 Minutes

Debra moves to approve the September minutes. Erika seconds the motion. Motion passes.

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

Chuck Leonard is here to represent the sculpture park that is underway, Mike Morelli (Executive Director of MCT) and Carlyn Schulzke (Development Director of MCT) are here to discuss a possible mural project.

-MCT is interested in putting a mural on the wall that faces the South side of MCT (facing the Missoula Public Library) to beautify the space. They would like to put out an art call for an artist to create the mural and would like the PAC's advice and help with this process.

- Kathi adds that she has talked to Mike about this mural project and has learned that MCT has the funding for a mural. Kathi asks Mike if there is an estimated amount for this project. Mike answers they have about \$25,000 for this project. There is a discussion about PAC collaborating with MCT.

- Mike expresses the hope to have this project completed by the summer of 2024.

- Kathi gives Mike and Carlyn some advice to go about this process and lets MCT know that they are welcome to come to next month's meeting if they have any updates they would like to let the PAC know about.

### 4. BUDGET UPDATE

### 5. ACTION ITEMS

### 6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

#### 6.1 Missoula Sculpture Park - Kathi & Chuck

Chuck Leonard is here to discuss the Sculpture Park project and give some updates.

- He adds after the feasibility study was completed and after attending meetings with Parks and Rec, they found that the Clark Fork Natural Park & Silver Park are the most ideal places for sculpture parks in Missoula.
- He has met with Donna Gaukler and the head of operations and they are on board for this project, but the next step is to present the project to the Missoula Senior Leadership Committee. This committee makes decisions on the placement and the general concept of the park.
- They are asking the PAC's input for one board position on the foundation and the final say in selecting the art and creating the art call.
- Chuck discusses having rotating pieces of art at this sculpture park to give us temporary exhibits in the parks. The fundraising will be up to the foundation, so PAC doesn't have to worry about the financial aspect of this.
- Debra asks if there is a tentative date to meet with the Senior Leadership Committee. They are thinking in the next couple of weeks max.
- Mia asks if it is determined what percent of the sculptures would be permanent versus rotating. Chuck answers the first call would be for five pieces then the following year the same thing. They are also thinking mostly pedestal related size sculptures.
- Chuck will let PAC know about any updates on this project.

## **6.2 Burning Man Sculpture Project - Mia & Kathi**

- Mia lets the committee know that we did a walk-through with the working group for this project at the fairgrounds to help us understand what would work for this particular installation. The people at the fairgrounds would like the Burning Man piece to be incorporated at the fairgrounds at the end of July 2024 into the beginning of August (when the Missoula County Fair is happening). This would provide a week or 2 for people to admire the piece before the fair opens and also during it as well.
- Mia talks about the tunnel aspect of the piece that could be incorporated on the fairgrounds and how it could be interactive.
- Kathi adds that the fairground team is very excited to work with the PAC and really would like this piece to come to the fairgrounds.
- Dennis talks about the artist Chad Rice who has done large sculptures down in Nevada for Burning Man and his possible collaboration with this project.
- Kathi would like to set up a phone meeting with Chad and the working group to discuss this collaboration further.
- Kathi adds if the committee knows of any other artists who could create an environmental piece that we could add to this project at the fairgrounds to let her know.

## **6.3 PAC LIVE 2023 - Debra**

- Debra adds that we did not have a PAC Live in October so they have decided to transfer over the \$250.00 that was saved for PAC Live until next summer with an addition of \$50.00 from Debra to have a total of \$300.00 to hire the Jazz Trio for PAC Live next year. The committee likes this idea.

- This project will be tabled until we are closer to the summer months.

**6.4 Public Art Coordinator Email - Gwen**

This is a work in progress. No additional news on this.

**6.5 Indigenous Mural Project - Gwen**

Danielle adds she could attend meetings about this particular project to inform the committee of any updates since Gwen has been absent.

**6.6 Traffic Circle Project (Hollis & Livingston) - James & Kathi**

Kathi lets the committee know that James has been out of town so this is at a standstill for the time being.

**6.7 R.A.C.E. / Cognizant Collaborative Project - Kathi**

Cognizant would like to pick this project back up again. They are looking for local indigenous artists for this mural project. Kathi asks Danielle if she has any artists in mind for this. Daniel will look into this and get back to the committee.

**6.8 Annual Meeting Review - Nov. 14th Confirmed**

Kathi lets the committee know that Karen Sippy will be leading the annual review meeting once again. This meeting will be in the MRA office instead of in the Jack Reidy Conference Room due to scheduling conflicts.

The committee discusses getting together before the annual review meeting to plan an agenda for this meeting. They agree to meet on Oct. 25th @ 4 pm at the downtown Berkshire Hathaway office.

**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 Environmental Art**

**7.9 Traffic Signal Box Project**

**7.10 Public Art Maintenance in the Parks**

**7.11 Board Structure and Framework (Informational)**

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourns at 5:18 PM