

Journal Of Proceedings
Missoula City Council Meeting

October 18, 2022, 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, Mia Hanak

Members Absent: Danielle Vazquez, Erika Hickey

Administration Absent: Lynn Rehbein

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes Sept.13th 2022 PAC

Kathi asks if there are any corrections to the minutes. There are no corrections. Kathi moves to approve the September minutes. Minutes have been approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Kathi discusses the traffic circle project and gives an update that it is underway.

Kathi wants to make sure the board is seeing the budget report on a monthly basis.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Kathi wants to make sure the board is seeing the budget report on a monthly basis.

What is reflected in the budget: donations to PAC Live and expenditures. We have had no additional income or expenses.

What was not reflected in the budget this month: We did have the money transferred over from the Grants Street Project for the amount of \$5,300. This will be reflected in next month's budget.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Cultural Treasures

State-wide publication: Cultural Treasures.

Cultural Treasures is a listing of all art and historical / cultural entities within the state. In the past we have had an expanded listing which says who /what / where we are as a committee and how to get a hold of us.

Kathi expresses it has been very beneficial for Public Art to have because It is how other organizations, private individuals and other public entities around the state have contacted us in the past. It is also distributed to all of the advertisers and cultural organizations in the state.

Kathi would like to entertain the motion to continue / approve our listing of Cultural Treasures for \$120 (one year publication) for the city of the Missoula Public Art Committee.

Tiana moves to accept the Cultural Treasures proposal and Debra seconds the motion.

None opposed.

Moved by: Tiana Grise

Motion to approve payment for the city of Missoula Public Art Committee listing in Cultural Treasures

Vote result: Approved

5.2 "We Are But One Thread" Lillian Nelson - Cleaning

Kathi talks about the art piece: "We Are But One Thread" located at the round about on Van Buren St. Last year, the Public Art Committee paid Lillian Nelson and her husband 200 dollars to clean this piece.

They would like to do it again, but would like \$300 this year.

Kathi adds that we do have the money in the budget to help Lillian with this service.

Kathi talked to Public Works and to the State about this clean up. They do have water trucks that can clean, but we are worried that the the PSI of the water trucks could damage the art.

Kathi will ask Lillian for the date of the clean up and relay that information to the committee. The committee is interested in helping.

Kathi wants to make the motion to pay Lilian Nelson \$300 from the maintenance portion of our budget for the cleaning of this artwork.

Debra moves to approve payment to artist: Lillian Nelson for cleaning the artwork. Tiana seconds the motion. Motion passes

Mirtha asks: Does this clean up happen every year? Kathi responds: it depends on how dirty the piece gets. They have done it twice so far.

Moved by: Debra Parker

A vote to approve payment to artist: Lillian Nelson for cleaning the artwork: "We Are But One Thread"

AYES: (5): Kathi Olson, Chair, Tiana Grise, Dennis Lippert, Debra Parker, and Mia Hanak

ABSENT: (3): Mirtha Becerra, Danielle Vazquez, and Erika Hickey

Vote result: Approved (5 to 0)

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Traffic Circle Project

The Traffic Circle Project has been called Streets Project in the past, but Kathi recommends changing the name.

Kathi discusses during the selection committee, Emma Covill was selected as the featured artist for the Traffic Circle Project her project is titled: The Four Seasons.

The original location of the Traffic Circle Project (Queen St. & Deerborn Ave.) was changed because of the clean up (weeds and cracks) that needed to happen. The location of the project is now at Hollis St. & Livingston Ave.

Everything is underway: Emma's contract has been signed and she has received her payment. Nathan has confirmed that the check is ready to be picked up.

We have put the end date of the contract for Nov. 4th

As part of this grant, we were going to do a traffic circle project at Sunday Streets. But with this time frame it was not possible. So James and the sub committee discussed that in May there is "Bike Month" which would be a great time to do the next traffic circle project.

In between the "Bike Month Event" in May, Emma will come up with a more simplified design in relation to her original to create a second art piece. Mia asks if this second piece already has funding. Kathi responds that it indeed does- there is \$1,300 available for this.

Tiana suggests to do a time lapse video of her progress and post it to our social media. Nathan will work on this.

James will take some pictures and produce as much documentation as possible to send to Nathan for the time lapse video to post on social media.

6.2 Sculpture Park

Kathi has put together an official proposal for a sculpture park for the Park board. In the second week of October they have unanimously supported the project for the feasibility study.

We are looking at the location between Milwaukee Depot and the Orange Bridge (Clarkfork Natural Park)

Kathi went to the neighborhood meetings as well. Overall, they would like to be involved with this. There are some great artists in this neighborhood like Jonathan Qualben who is very well known in Montana.

One thing they brought up during the meeting is that this could be an actual park. They knew it wasn't going to be a park of high activity. But they have been very inclusive and the neighborhood would like to be a part of this

Kathi is looking for members of the PAC to help with the Sculpture Park (sub committee).

Public Art Committee Members who have agreed to be a part of this committee: Dennis, Mia, Debra, James, and Kathi. They may not attend every meeting.

Kathi will work with Chuck on a time frame for their first meeting.

6.3 Indigenous Mural Project

Mirtha has sent the committee a review of the Indigenous Mural Project and where things are at currently.

The city wants to take this project proposal to the North Western Energy upcoming meeting sometime by the end of this year so we can all be on the same page.

Mirtha suggests having members of the Indigenous Mural Project: Donna, Lisa, Simon and Karen Sippy present this proposal to the Public Art Committee.

Mirtha would like to be more involved with Public Art for this phase of the project and the selection of south and east facing walls of the Sub Station.

Mirtha would like the committee's input in terms of when the best time for a presentation would be so we can provide feedback and talk about the next steps.

Kathi is happy to have these presenters come to the November meeting and discuss the Indigenous Mural Project. Mirtha will contact them and let Nathan and Kathi know if they are available for November's meeting.

6.4 DASH Sculpture

Dennis has an update for DASH: He has spoken with Mike Lustig. After about 2 years, he has started on the project here in Missoula.

He is going to send some sketches of the layout (final proposed design) of his project and give it to committee members later this week.

It is funded by Art Effect which is funded by RJ Reynolds who works with DASH.

It is set for early December for installation at the Missoula Public Library in the stair well.

The public art committee will provide ladders for Matt Lustig for the installation process.

The committee has asked Mike Lustig if he can finish this project in November and have a dedication during a First Friday Event possibly.

The plan is to have a reception on the 4th floor of the library for this project and make sure city council, county commissioners, committee members, etc. are there. We would like Mike to have a discussion about his piece in a conference room in the library.

Possible dates: Friday Dec. 9th for the dedication and an Art Talk on Saturday Dec. 10th.

Maybe have Mike do an art talk in the schools on Friday afternoon (Dec. 9th). It is suggested to talk to Monte Grise about setting this up and who will benefit the most from this. Tiana will discuss this with Monte.

Nathan will help contact the media outlets for this event.

6.5 Public Art - Audio Interpretation Project

Kathi has started talking to people about donations for the Audio Interpretation Project.

Mia asks: did we get a total project budget yet for this? Kathi answers: no but there are 70 signal boxes and if we do 70 of them we will need \$125 for each one.

Kathi would like to see every public art piece be sponsored with this audio project.

Kathi has asked if any committee members would like to help with this project: Tiana has agreed to work with Kathi on this.

*Tiana leaves: 5:02

6.6 Annual Meeting Review

Kathi asks the committee to look at the strategic planning goals document that is attached to the agenda and how can we prioritize these tasks and make them come to fruition.

Kathi wants people to look at this document every month and ask ourselves: is there something we could be working on?

Mia talks about an item on this document: "Hiring a New Director"- she discusses how the city does not have funding available for this currently. But there could be enough to write grants for operating funds?

Kathi answers: there is an opportunity there. When there are public projects coming up, out of the 1.5 % of the public art funds, we need to put that 20 % towards administration and staffing. So we can be ready for the next budget year.

Mirtha agrees - She is working on getting more information about the funds we haven't seen and allocating those funds. By end of this week, she will have more information about this.

Mirtha believes through the city projects, we can get some sort of funding to help with the Public Art Budget.

Mia says for next month's meeting, she can present on which grants or foundations she can find for operating budgets, where the current mural spots are in town, examples of mural artists (regionally and internationally). Essentially creating a mural program.

It is added that we have done 2 public / private partnerships for mural projects.

Kathi brings up art calls: we can do commissions, a limited art call, or an open art call. There is also the question of the locations: Missoula, Missoula County, Western Montana, all of Montana, United States, etc. It depends on the size of the wall and the budget.

Mia asks about environment art and how could this be part of the sculpture park and are there any other identified locations for installations. Kathi answers Silver Park could be a great location if we work through Park and Recreation.

Mirtha adds: The Missoula downtown partnership and business have a mural program. They did an inventory of all the potential walls that could be used for a mural program so she can give this information to the Public Art Committee.

Mirtha has a question for Kathi: what about private green space that will allow public access? (A Private / Pubilc Partnership)

Kathi answers she has a few people in mind for this which could expand our public / private partnerships.

Nathan will remind Kathi to put Murals and Environmental Art on next months agenda.

Mirtha leaves at 5:19 PM*

7. Tabled Projects (i.e. no discussion at this meeting)

7.1 Traffic Signal Box Project

7.2 PAC LIVE

7.3 Branding

7.4 Rattlesnake Neighborhood

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS

November and December are active months for art so Kathi reminds committee to send her ideas for public art that we could do in Missoula.

Kathi talks about Stevensville: on the westside of the street there was a lovely pocket park. She reminds committee we can find locations like this in Missoula.

A potential location for a pocket park in Missoula: In between the parking space of Market on Front and First Interstate Bank.

Mia brings up the Public Art Committee's Social media handles. The handles are different for facebook and instagram. We are looking to match up all the handle names to:

@publicartmissoula

Nathan will look into this, and see if it is possible to change.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 5:26 P.M.

Kelly Elam, Administrative Assistant ||