

City of Missoula Public Art Committee Minutes

November 14, 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 10.17.23 Minutes

Debra makes a motion to approve the October PAC minutes. Gwen seconds the motion.
Motion passes

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Karen Snow is here to help facilitate the Annual Review Meeting today.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Review 2022/23 Current Projects

Karen asks Kathi if there is anything specific projects that the committee would like to discuss in detail. Kathi lets the committee know that if any additional items need to be added to the list to let Kathi or Nathan know.

Karen asks Kathi about our partnership with Cognizant and NW Energy. Kathi talks about our relationship with Cognizant and NW Energy she adds that we are working on creating a mural on the substation walls in collaboration with NW Energy.

6.2 Review 2022/23 Tabled Projects

Karen would like the committee to summarize these tabled projects. She lists them off to the committee and members add their knowledge to each project.

Kathi passes out the tabled projects cards where they will rank each project from bottom to top priority.

6.3 Review Capital Improvement Projects - % for Art

Gwen adds that these Capital Improvement Projects are all works in progress so they do move slowly. She talks about the Riverfront Triangle project and how it was close to being started and then Covid hit so it has taken longer than expected. She adds that the best case scenario is 2-3 years before this project will be done.

The federal building is also slowly moving forward. Deb asks does the county pay the art fee or is just the city. Kathi answers it is only from the city. Gwen adds that there are a lot of great pieces of art in storage from the old federal building so it would be nice to see these pieces displayed in the new building hopefully.

Kathi asks if there are any new capital projects. Gwen answers the Sam grant (federal money) is in progress and also multiple transportation projects.

Karen asks if there are any public art piece master plans in progress. Kathi answers we assist the private sector, but the private sector does not have to pay the percentage for art. Kathi lists a few organizations that have benefited from the percentage for art.

6.4 Review 2022/23 Structure / Action Plans to Accommodate Dreams

Karen asks about the structure to the committee: how do you want this committee to move forward.

Karen adds that this is the foundation for all of the dreams that have been listed to become a reality.

Mia adds that hiring a director for 2024 is at the top of her list.

6.5 2023/24 Dreams

Each dream is explained to the committee. Karen asks the committee to rank all of the Dreams with the cards that was handed out. The committee isn't sure who put "Gongs" and "Labyrinth" on the dreams list last year.

Clarifications of dreams: Projection Mapping - finding large walls to project mapping: making a building come to life through art. It could be during a First Friday or another event, sustainability with art, etc.

The committee does an exercise to prioritize the dreams. The committee also adds new additional dreams to the list under these categories: Projects, Capacity (Relationships and Fundraising), Administration, Accessibility, etc. Some members see these dreams more in an analytical way than others.

Projects: Chalk art, E. Missoula Water Tower, Projection mapping, Labyrinth, Gongs

Relationships: Public/ Private Partnerships, Friends of Public Art, City / County Relationships

Administration: Director, etc.

Accessibility: Learning Opts for Artists. Performing arts, Sheltered Performance Space, Gwen brings up interactive art with the public and the committee discusses other ways to incorporate the public in making art. Danielle brings up that the neighborhood council and development grants are so important for public art.

The committee discusses accessibility- making art more accessible to the public, especially indigenous and BIPOC peoples.

Mia adds that a lot of these dreams are unattainable if we don't have a director to manage these dreams. It also takes a lot of volunteer commitment and time for every installation.

The committee has a hard time prioritizing dreams, but Karen asks the members to rank each dream and then we will have this data to discuss in future meetings.

There is talk about changing the word tabled projects to inactive projects.

6.6 2023/24 Structure to Accommodate 2023/24 Dreams

Karen asks the committee to list New Dreams for 2024:

- Projects: Vending Machine Art - Erika and Danielle will help with this project
- Relationship: Airport Art
- Projects: Box Car Art - traveling on rails in the city - Dennis
- Relationship: Fairgrounds and Rocky Mountain Gardens (Butterfly House)
- Projects: Temporary Annual Sculpture Exhibit at Fairgrounds (Burning Man Project) - Mia & Kathi
- Relationship: Cultural Strategy- Storytelling to share culture and art, place taking back - Danielle
- A separate office space for PAC in the new Federal Office building
- Public Art Makers Space (Pianos, Fairy Houses, Xylophones, etc.)
- Relationships: More educational programs (workshops) for artists
- Relationships: More collaborations within MCPS schools (collaborating with SPARK arts, flagship, etc.)
- Relationships: More community outreach
- Projects: Parking garage art
- Projects: Parking Structures
- Engle & Volkers and 5 on Black Mural Wall - Danielle
- Communications & Marketing - Reach out to diverse communities and increase our pool of artists.
- Structure: Becoming more accessible/equitable.
- Art Supply Library - People could check out art supplies or collaborate with the Library or the ZACC.
- More focus on the structure of the PAC fundraising plan.- Mia

6.7 Rank Dreams

Nathan will send out the tallies of prioritizing the dreams before the next meeting so members can commit to taking on a new project.

6.7.1 Timeframe (1 year - 3 year - 5 year)

6.7.2 Importance

6.8 Accountability for Dreams - Bd Member Group Leadership

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, December 19th in the Jack Reidy Conference Room

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns: 6:48 pm