

Public Art Committee – Regular Meeting
April 21, 2009 5:00 p.m.
Jack Reidy Conference Room – Council Chambers

Members Present: Joan Jonkel, Liz Dye, David Nelson, Dave Strohmaier, Peter Lambros, Paul Filicetti, Kathi Olson

Absent Members: Dana Boussard, Linda Richards

Non Members Present: Mike Parker (UM Art Department); James Halvorson (Zootown Arts Community Center)

Public / PAC Committee Member Comment:

Dave S. distributed King County and Spokane Public Art Guides.

James Halvorson (Gallery Director, Zootown Arts Community Center) commented that he liked hearing that the PAC support local artists. He suggested the opportunity to do some local outreach at the Gallery. Joan noted that we could cooperate with the Art Museum. Kathi and David N. said it would be great to do this when Dana could be involved. James would be interested in joining the steering committee to organize the outreach program. Michael Parker suggested using his class as a forum for the idea.

Minutes:

**March 17, 2009: Motion: Paul
2nd: Dave S.
Motion: Carried**

Reports

1. Community Art Project-Michael Parker: Michael presented his idea for a Community Art Project. Dave N. liked the idea and suggested Michael talk to Lela Autio. He also wondered if there was a way to integrate Americorps into the project. Dave S. contributed these thoughts:

a. The MDA, BID, MRA and Parking Commission are working on the Downtown Master Plan. In recent meetings the discussion has included thoughts about doing something at the Orange Street Underpass and also at the Van Buren underpass. Both are gateways to Missoula. Dave suggested Mike talk to Rod Austin (BID Director).

Paul suggested Michael talk to John Axline, MDT Historic Preservation Officer. Liz provided Rod Austin's contact information. Kathi provided Linda McCarthy's (MDA Director) contact information. Kathi also suggested making use of Neighborhood Grant monies. Dave N. discussed the idea of painting works indoors on a background with the ability to move the artwork if necessary. Dave S. noted that the Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Association and Heart of Missoula Neighborhood Association are working on a project at the Greenough Drive underpass. Michael said that the meetings with the Northside and Westside Neighborhood Associations have been very successful.

2. Traffic Signal Boxes: Kathi and Liz provided an update on the Project. MRA has awarded \$6,000 for the project. Liz announced that BID has awarded \$5,000 for the project. Joan noted that Ginny Merriam was available to assist with press/marketing. Kathi said Mountain West Bank and Southgate Mall have donated to the project. Thanks to Peter for securing the Southgate Mall monies. Kathi presented the prproject at the Public Works Committee meeting. There is no need for a City Encroachment permit as the PAC is an arm of the City. MDT is finalizing their encroachment permit. Liz has been in contact with the Midtown Association and may do a presentation. The sub-committee is working on the art call for distribution in May.

3. Fire Department Project: Kathi has asked for bids from printers (PostNet, Kinkos, Denny's, Gateway, Allegra) for the postcard and for quotes for mailing (The Directory & Town Mailer). Bids should be received by tomorrow and will be mailed immediately thereafter.

4. Public Art Guide/Update of City PAC website list: Kathi asked the sub-committee to meet with Jacque Walawander on Monday, April 27 to discuss the guide. Jacque has been selling advertising. Kathi asked members to call/email her with suggestions of potential advertisers.

Liz provided an overview of the public art currently listed on the City website. Liz photographed artwork that had no photos. Joan noted that the Missoulian will let us use their photos for the website. Joan, Liz, Paul and Dave S. will form a subcommittee to work on the list for the City website.

5. MOBASH: Peter provided a status report. Brad Allen to complete installation of the bike rack May 31, 2009.

6. Federal Stimulus Act & the Arts: Dave N. noted that it is true that organizations must have received monies in the last three years from the NEA in order to be eligible for the stimulus monies. Dave S. noted that the stimulus monies are still bottlenecked at the Legislature.

7. Other:

- a. **Carousel:** Theresa Cox is still interested in the Carousel Gateway Public Art Project. She will keep us informed.
- b. **Swain Wolfe:** Dave N. provided a status report. Swain is still working on the project.
- c. **North Higgins Streets Project:** Kathi said that she had spoken to Ellen Buchanen (MRA Directory), Rod Austin (BID Director) and Linda McCarthy (MDA Director) about the sculpture walk on North Higgins (from the North Higgins Streets Project plan). Kathi was at a presentation and heard that the project was "shovel ready" and therefore suggested as Missoula's #1 project for City stimulus funding. As part of that project, a sculpture walk was suggested between the Art Museum and the Downtown Transfer Center.
- d. **Silver Park:** No update.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 pm