



## **Minutes**

**3:30 p.m., March 15, 2018**

**Room 326, City-County Building**

### **1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum**

- members present: John Moore, Susan Steffens, Anastasia Burton, Abigail St. Lawrence, Mitch Carroll, Mary Vandenbosch (city staff), Kathy Macefield (volunteer).

### **2. Approve minutes from February 15**

- approved (moved by Mitch Carroll for approval, seconded by Anastasia Burton).

### **3. Hill Park Public Art Project**

a. Report from Ron Waterman – two calls to artist, local and nationwide. Three have submitted applications. Deadline is March 31, maybe 6 to 8 may be interested. Will review qualifications in April. Ron has met with City Manager and Parks / Recreation, moving forward with design. Possible signage on Public park to gather support. Budget is \$100,000 (hope to have \$50,000 raised privately and then do a possible Go Fund Me page; hope to have private money raised by end of April). Ron has some conceptual designs from an architect. The Native community is very excited and will have language and pictographs. Project hopefully done in 2019.

b. YWCA Community Conversation? Abigail brought up the white supremacist exhibit at Holter for possible fundraising – trying to keep project non-partisan. Wants to support Helena values – Abigail will contact Ron personally. The project may not want to be seen as liberal project. Also, some money will be needed for maintenance - \$75,000 budget – city would prefer to maintain. Ron will keep the committee updated and welcomes suggestions.

### **4. Prospect interchange proposal**

a. John report from Mike Griffith – Proposal is \$25,000 (does not have financial backing yet, just wants support). Mike wants to see if the Chamber may be involved in moving what is there now.

b. Discussion – Mike is invited to come and ask questions, etc. about the project. Abigail feels that HPAC may end up not supporting, but wants to keep being updated. MDT permits may be an issue.

### **5. Damage to “Take It Easy” on Butte Avenue**

- a. Kirsten Kainz replacement proposal \$4,200
  - Abigail asked where does this replacement fit into our budget? It may be possible for HPAC to pay for it.
  - Anastasia feels that HPAC needs to replace the sculpture.
  - Abigail feels we need to replace and plan on \$14,000 for next year.
  - Mitch will contact the IR again and facebook page (theft information was shared on HPAC facebook page as well). Mitch will also contact Sara Elkins.
- b. Possible lighting - Mitch feels we need to put money towards maintenance – would like to see lighting added to help with theft prevention. Also there is an idea of making the replacement sculpture heavier to make it harder to be removed.
  - HPAC to continue discussions next month on snail sculpture. John to proceed with us.

## **6. Spring Art Walk**

- a. Friday, May 4 – Holter will host again.
- b. Project lead: Virginia. Chalk up forms could be available at Art Walk. Goal is to think of possible ways to make public aware of public art.

## **7. Chalk Up Helena!**

- a. Saturday, July 21 – HPAC to consider themes.
- b. Project lead: Abigail, will work with Becky. Becky to send notes to Abigail.
  - online registration only, or register the day of the event.
- c. Mitch will spearhead professional artist component with Chris. Could charge for artist workshop.
- d. Mary clarified contract protocol with artist.

## **8. Maintenance**

- a. Brynn Holt contract? No information.
- b. Performance Park repair – HPAC would like Chris to take lead – will wait to talk with him (Susan provided update).

## **9. Installation planning for FY 2018**

- a. Updated matrix list (Becky)
  - Abigail recommended adding security of area, ease of maintenance for public art. Made changes to matrix, John to make changes in the file.
- b. Possible installations

## **10. Public comment**

- application for public art committee.

## **11. Next meeting April 19.**

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