



Meeting Minutes

3:30 p.m., January 18, 2018

Room 326, City-County Building

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

- a. Welcome new member – Anastasia Burton (in person)

Present: Mitch Carroll, Flannery Herbert, Johnny Moore, Susan Steffens, Becky Lawson, Anastasia Burton, Mary Vandenbosch (staff), Amy Teegarden (Director, Parks and Recreation), Andres Haladay (City commissioner).

2. Approve minutes from December 21

- Mitch moved to approve, Susan seconded, approved.

3. Hill Park Public Art Project

- Update: Mitch has corresponded with Ron Waterman (unable to attend this meeting, but hopes to come in February).

- Ron's intention is to issue Call for Artists, intends to issue it on local and national platforms. To be published on tomorrow in arts publications.

- Ron's timeline may require more flexibility.

- Ron's working with local artists and architects on project.

- Mitch / Flannery covered city parameters (ADA, public safety, etc) with Ron earlier in October (Amy asked to confirm this). The parameters could be confirmed in the selection process as well.

- YWCA – Stand Against Racism

- Do we want to be involved in Public Art Forum (question from Abby)? Since HPAC is not facilitating this process, Johnny will let Ron know about this opportunity.

4. Vandalism and repair

- a. Repair schedule

- Performance Square repair – Parks and Rec are not responsible for graffiti. They can try to clean it up but can't handle extra cost. They recommend painting

over graffiti. Kathy may know more regarding this. Susan let Bill (at the Placer) know to wait on repairs to avoid damage. Susan will ask Danzers about next steps. Amy would like to be kept in the loop on in case they can somehow support.

b. Stolen Snail (!) Mary updated the group on the smallest snail, missing from the roundabout.

- Andres will ask regarding insurance for public art.

- Mary reported the theft to the police, and verified that city departments did not remove the snail for maintenance. Mary will send out documentation so that we can let folks know about the missing piece (public outreach). Mitch will talk with Helena Independent Record regarding an article to get word out.

6. Maintenance

a. Brynn Holt contract (for maintenance on Pioneer Park installation), flat fee of \$2000 to repair (includes materials, time). Mary has asked Ron Alles for an update and will let the committee know when she hears back. Anticipated start would be middle of May 2018.

- Johnny has determined that we have \$3000 in the budget for repair.

7. Installation planning for FY 2018

a. Survey results – Johnny reviewed with the Committee. Weighted result indicates per City Districts: District 1 had highest priority as per public, and the preferred type of art was Sculpture. Originally a survey monkey survey.

b. Possible installations (\$4000, could be used for Hill Park Public Art, not sure yet if we need to). Could be carried over to next year if needed.

- Perhaps an installation at South Helena roundabout – nothing there currently.

- Perhaps Park by Civic Center and Benton (Yund Park)

- perhaps focus on areas without much art

- Maybe out by Frisbee park on Saddle.

- Firetower group may like to have more of an art / bench area up at the firetower. Flannery will let Johnny know if they want to be present and on the agenda for next meeting.

- Perhaps area by RMDC past overpass near senior housing.

- Constitution Park has been mentioned as well, but already has installations.

- Perhaps revolving installations?
 - Johnny to invite Mike Griffin to next meeting.
- Goal: to have an updated ranking list (combined from survey results, and 2007 ranking, city facilitation, etc). Becky to combine list(s), committee members to provide ideas on ranking criteria.

8. Budget planning for FY 2019

a. Preliminary figures

- attached to meeting minutes. The City has asked us to set up the funding proposal in two categories, Projects and Maintenance. Projects (Fund 233) will carry over from year to year, but Maintenance (Fund 100) will not carry over.
- Committee looked at the City Public Art Inventory. None of the projects listed will need replacement (the Confederate Fountain is being handled differently).
- Becky to contact ARCY for maintenance schedule / recommended upkeep.

9. Public comment

- Abby mentioned via email that having a pool of interested folks may be beneficial. The website button is currently hidden on the website since we have no vacancies – could create additional work for city staff.

10. Next meeting February 15

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