



Minutes
3:30 p.m., November 21, 2019
Room 326, City-County Building

1. Call meeting to order by Chairman John Moore at 3:30.

A quorum was established.

- a. In Attendance: John Moore, Lou Archambault, Kristin Drees, Nick Ladas, Ed Noonan, Abigail St. Lawrence, Kathy Macefield, Margaret Strachan.
- b. Excused: Susan Steffens, Mitch Carroll

2. Approve minutes from October 2019 Meeting

Ed Noonan moved to approve the minutes from the October 19th meeting. Margaret Strachan seconded the motion.

Unanimous in favor. Minutes approved.

3. Equity Fountain Unveiling

The millstone, the Sphere and other supporting features of the Equity Fountain are not ready for a December unveiling ceremony. The ceremony will be delayed until the Fountain's water can be turned on in the spring. An unveiling will most probably be in April or May of 2020.

4. Plans for Preserving Ghost Signs

Pam Attardo provided a listing with pictures of the Ghost Signs around Helena.

Prioritization will be given to building owners who want to participate (and donate) in the process, visibility of signage and pedestrian point of view. HPAC will have to get the building owners' permission.

5. Memorial Installation for Kyle Boundy

HPAC is working closely with Kristi Ponzoso of Open Lands, Parks & Rec of the City of Helena. Their department will help insert proper ADA language into the RFP before we release the RFP. This language will be helpful to artists as they put together their designs for the project. Dates on the RFP will need to be updated.

6. Traffic Signal Boxes (state owned)

John Moore will get the State encroachment permits needed for the boxes. The RFP will be distributed through the MT. Arts Council, Facebook, City and HPAC website, IR (Your Time), TV.

It was discussed to possibly have Helena High and Capital High cover 2 boxes as a couple of the locations are near the High Schools. It may be problematic to leave out PAL High School. Further discussions will need to be held regarding this idea. Final approval of RFP will be at the December HPAC meeting.

7. Proposal for New Mural Downtown

A motion was made by Abigail St. Lawrence and seconded by Kristin Drees, to partner with Erin Farris Olsen from “Heart of the Rockies” on a new Downtown Mural. Deadline for the grant from National Endowment for the Arts is February of 2020.

8. Bloomberg Grant Opportunity: Asphalt Art

Margaret spoke about the Asphalt Art as she has seen it in Portland. It provided nice traffic calming in necessary areas. Most HPAC members felt the deadline for the proposal was too soon to complete, but the idea will be kept on our radar as well as other Bloomberg grants.

9. Brynn Holt Repair of “All of the Above, None of the Above”

According to the artist of the installation (Chip Clawson) there is still repair that needs to be done. HPAC will wait to pay Brynn Holt until spring when he can complete all repairs. Peggy will check on the need for the benches to be sanded and repainted – she will check with Kristi Ponnoso.

10. HPAC Membership and Succession

Both Nick Ladas and Lou Archambault wish to continue as members of HPAC. Mitch Carroll may have to step down due to time constraints of his job. Anastasia Burton has stepped down. At the December meeting there will be nominations and elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. After Elections, a listing of names and terms will be sent the City Clerk’s office and to the Commission.

11. Public Comment

Kathy Macefield said at the Fall Artwalk, the HPAC’s location was difficult to get people to stop by and talk. She suggested that next year HPAC provide candy to attract people.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

12. Next meeting December 19th, 2019