



Minutes
3:30 p.m., August 15th, 2019
Room 326, City-County Building

1. Call meeting to order by Chairman John Moore at 3:31.

In Attendance: John Moore, Susan Steffens, Anastasia Burton, Mitch Carroll, Kristin Drees, Ed Noonan, Abigail St. Lawrence, Peggy Benkelman (coordinator).

A quorum was established.

Guests: Pam Attardo (Historic Preservation Officer), Kristi Ponozzo (Open Lands, Parks & Recreation Director)

2. Approve minutes from July 18th, 2019 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes by Susan Steffens, motion seconded by Ed Noonan. Unanimous approval – Motion passes.

Discussion: Kristi Ponozzo discussed the open forum that was on Weds. August 14th at the Placer Building. This forum was held in conjunction with the Helena Police Department. There had been many complaints about noise from the Sapphire Lounge and graffiti on Performance Square. The city of Helena Parks & Recreation will take over the clean-up of the graffiti. Kristi Ponozzo did notice more graffiti recently. The persons performing the work will get letters of permission from the Building owners (Placer). Ed Noonan wondered if the ~~Building~~ City has insurance that may help cover the cost? It was stated that the deductible was \$10,000. Kristi Ponozzo said there is a protective coating that can be placed on murals. John Moore said that the coating was used, but did not give much protection and could be cost prohibitive. Janet Welch 406-465-2547 oversaw the initial painting of the mural. In an email, Janet thought the cost to repair would be about \$3000. The city would like to use Performance Square more often.

3. Memorial installation for Kyle Boundy

Budget for the installation was discussed. \$2600 will be kept for maintenance, \$2000 for moving expense. The \$4600 will be kept in a Lost & Foundation account. The RFP will go out under the Open Lands, Park & Rec Department of the city of Helena. HPAC does need the safety and ADA requirements needed

so they can place within the RFP. Kristi will send over the RFP requirements of the Equity Fountain to Peggy so it can be utilized as a template.

4. Equity Fountain Funds

It was decided to continue to move forward with the installation of the Equity fountain. A **Motion** was made to have the City Manager approve \$5000 to support the Equity Fountain and that the money should be moved to the Montana Community Foundation. Mitch Carroll moved to approve the motion and Susan Steffens seconded.

In the future, a dedication ceremony may be planned for the installation.

5. Plan for historic signs

Discussion: Pam Attardo discussed the expense of restoring old murals (ghost signs) in the downtown area. In the past, there was a cost of approximately \$15K per mural. Commissioner Noonan said there is about \$60K set aside for this project. It was also suggested that talking to the building owners was imperative – get permission and perhaps they would want to contribute. HPAC member Abigail St. Lawrence thought it was a lot of money to spend and more information was needed to formally approve. Pam Attardo said there were at least 5 locations with old murals: Sweetgrass Dentist Sign, Fuller/Broadwater gym, Broadway Cigar, Livery Building near Myrna Loy. After more discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: A motion was made that the idea of restoring old murals (ghost signs) in the downtown area has merit. The Helena Public Art Committee would like to proceed as it gathers more information.

6. Maintenance

“Take It Easy” on Butte Avenue – solar lighting installed and is working properly. Susan Steffens has driven by in the evening.

Performance Square vandalism repair will now be taken care of by the City Open lands, Parks & Rec Department. Discussions are being had about artists to do the repair work.

7. Chalk Up Helena! – July 20

Turnout was lower this year than previous years. CUH 2019 had about 50 participants this year. No professional artists registered this year. In 2020 HPAC will commit to more promotion and having professional artist demonstrations. Maybe more cross-promotion with Birds & Beasleys and Lasso the Moon will promote better participation. Outreach to Intermountain, daycares, YMCA and the Holter will contribute to participation as well.

8. Signal Box Installation planning for FY 2019

The RFP update was reviewed and discussed. The submission deadline will be moved up to December 1st, 2019 and the selection of artists to January 15th, 2020. Stipend for the artist will remain at \$700. Locations will be added to the RFP. The 10 locations are: 1. Custer/Benton 2. Euclid Benton 3. Lyndale/Last Chance Gulch 4. Montana/Lyndale 5. Euclid Henderson 6. Custer Cooney 7. Cedar Washington (near helicopter) 8. 11th and Montana 9. Billings & Montana 10. Cedar near Perkins I15 on ramp.

Fast signs will charge \$530 to wrap (they have good UV protection). Artists have no age limits and will remain anonymous. HPAC will do a call for artists via Facebook, the Holter, High Schools and Colleges. The ranking criteria will be explained in the RFP. Digital applications will go to the HPAC office and will be viewed by committee on a large screen when being chosen.

9. HPAC informational flyer/brochure

Review Nick's draft – general consensus is that it looks good. Should not use Walt Disney signature or copyrighted figures from Disney. Kristin Drees will reformat a bit and add additional language. Most members want to keep the information about the Extra Extra! Statue and Becky Eiker. It should be mentioned that HPAC is soliciting for and installing new art within the city. Peggy asked about Mission Statement. John said it was newer and voted upon a couple of years ago. Kristin Drees was an editor and will add language. HPAC members will view at next meeting.

10. Public comment – none contributed

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

11. Next meeting September 1