



Minutes
3:30PM, August 20th, 2020
Via Zoom

1. Call meeting to order by Susan Steffens at 3:30.

A quorum was established

In Attendance: Susan Steffens, Kristin Drees, Nick Ladas, Jennie Stapp, Chelly Hasquet, Margaret Strachan, Kathy Macefield (volunteer), Peggy Benkelman (coordinator)

Excused: Lou Archambault, Abigail St. Lawrence, Wilmot Collins

Guests: Bret Boundy, Renee Boundy, Craig Marr (Parks), Ellie Ray (ADA) John Moore (former HPAC Chair), Jimmy Talarico (Artist)

2. Approve minutes from July, 2020

A motion was made to approve the July minutes. Motion seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Equity Fountain – Unveiling ceremony.

Ron will be attending the September meeting. The discussion was moved to September.

4. Discussion of Ghost Signs Preservation

Peggy Benkelman exchanged emails with Kevin Keeler and he suggested we reach out directly to the Firestone Corporation. He provided emails and phone numbers.

It was also suggested that we narrow down to two (2), the ghost signs we want restored.

We are still awaiting a funding answer about the Ghost Signs.

5. Discussion of Budget available for 2020 and 2021

No change in funding from last month. HPAC is pushing for an answer about Ghost Sign funding and funding for possible future projects.

6. Memorial installation for Kyle Boundy

A main concern was ADA compliance. Ellie Ray wants to ensure that accessible routes appropriate width and signage has to comply with ADA. Craig Marr of Parks – not too many concerns that jumped out at him. More input will be forthcoming from the top 3 picks. Susan states the artist will be working with Craig and Ellie Ray (Sharon Haugan).

Bret Boundy - amazed at number and quality of submissions.

His top pick is #1 Paul Hogan (3rd highest score)

He liked it was for Kyle –who was so into the guitar. It is whimsical and will last a long time.

#2 Bland Hoke Guitar – was Bret Boundy’s second pick.

But, Paul Hogan is one man artist, not a design studio’s conception Bret prefers Paul’s piece.

Renee Boundy:

Likes both Hogan and Hokes work and she likes Chip Clawson’s work and Jimmy Talarico’s work was her 3-4th choice.

HPAC facilitated the choice process with a rubric and the city provided a place to put the sculpture.

John Moore says the final choice should come down to Bret and Renee. John Moore likes Hogan and Hoke choices. He liked that the rating and rubric showed community consensus.

Kristin Drees says Boundy favorites and HPAC’s favorites are very close.

Bret Boundy wants to thank everybody for their effort and thoughts put into the project.

Chair Susan – question to committee – should we narrow down and vote today? Kristin wants to narrow down to three and hand-off to the City for regulatory checks.

Narrow down so that 9/1/20 announcement can be made and offer contract on 10/1 20.

Let’s try to keep the timeline.

Jennie Stapp – fewer to move forward to make it easier for City. She is pleased with outcome.

Nick Ladas – his top 5 were almost the same as the HPAC committees, but Paul Hogan’s was his top pick. He agrees with Bret and Renee. Give city recommendation, but not too many choices.

Craig Marr – give city top one recommendation.

Renee Boundy – suggests 1,2,3 choices to city, but note that Paul Hogan piece is definitely everyone’s first choice.

After discussion and with the Boundys’ approval, a motion was made and seconded to have the top three Boundy Memorial Sculptures be:

1. Paul Hogan – guitar
2. Chip Clawson – “Spirit”
3. Bland Hoke – guitar

Bret Boundy would like to congratulate the chosen artist. We are waiting for approval from the Parks Department to move forward with that. The date posted for announcement is 9/1/20.

The City of Helena Parks department will look over the number one proposal – Paul Hogan guitar and discuss issues such as longevity, ADA compliance, maintenance, accessibility and safety.

Elli Ray no issues with Paul Hogan. No major ADA concerns.

Bland Hoke’s piece made need arm rests per Ellie Ray.

Craig Marr – no major issues from maintenance or park perspective. They need to go over the specs more critically.

John Moore says there is \$4691.00 in Lost and Foundation account

After contract is awarded, Bret would like to contact some of the artists to thank them.

7. Traffic Signal Boxes

The 7 finalists were chosen. Their names and pieces are posted on our webpage.

Sage Steppe – Jessica Glenn, Helena Orange Buildings -David Goodson, Sunset at the Gates – Breanna Hall, Wheat – Dione Roberts, Sasquatch Father & Son Fishing – LoRae Hartman, Buffalo & Mountain Peaks – Debbie Boyle, Thanking Health Care Workers – Jennifer Kinville.

Peggy Benkelman has forwarded the artist's agreement with signatures and their W9 forms to the Finance Department. The artists should receive their payment of \$700 within the next two weeks.

Fast Signs cannot wrap the signal boxes until the weather is cooler. It may have to wait until Mid-September.

8. Chalk Up at Home Helena 2020.

Chalk-Up Helena at Home 2020 was a bit uneventful. We received 3-4 photos of people's work. Peggy has posted them on our webpage and on our Facebook page. We hope to have a bigger and better Chalk-Up next year.

9. Public comment

Per Kathy Macefield - Transportation Department of Helena is making changes to 6th x Rodney intersection. We should check about the Traffic Signal Box art placed there.

10. Meeting was Adjourned at 4:45PM

11. Next meeting September 17th at 3:30pm, 2020 via Zo

