



Meeting Minutes

3:30 p.m., August 17, 2017

Room 326, City-County Building

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Members present: Commissioner Ed Noonan, Flannery Herbert, Mitch Carroll, Becky Lawson, Chip Clawson, Nick Ladas, and Virginia Niccolucci.

Staff present: Mary Vandenbosch.

Public attendees: Kevin Keeler.

2. Approve minutes from July 20, 2017.

Mitch moved to approve, Becky seconded – minutes approved.

3. Parking garage mural

a. Dedication subcommittee report by Ed and Mitch.

- announce traffic signal boxes as well at this time.

- Ed coordinating press release with Mary.

- Chip mentioned that we need to recognize Danzer's contribution, of which John is aware.

b. Mural payment has been completed.

4. Traffic signal boxes

a. Installation schedule, coordination with Public Works

b. Announcing selections at the mural dedication.

5. Chalk Up Helena recap

a. Professional artist winner payment – Kathy will bring the registration sheets to Mary by the end of the week – Mary is needing to see them to finalize the notification and payment.

b. Prize collections – need the registration sheets

6. Ghost sign restoration – Kevin Keeler presentation

- A ghost sign is to be professionally rehabilitated at the 400 block across from the Eddie's Bread Sign/ Ironfront building (a green sign).

- Sign will be done in characteristics of the patina of the sign – it is not the intent that it looks new. Nancy Bennett (from the organization Wall Dogs – a loose group of outdoor sign

painters) will be doing the rehabilitation. The sign is to be cleaned (debris, dirt comes off, but paint stays) before work begins.

- The Palmquist family has donated the funds for the project. The work should start September 1 and be complete by September 5.
- The Business Improvement District (BID) may provide grants for sign rehabilitation on downtown buildings – Ed wanted to let the committee know for future potential projects. This may also allow for a standard of rehabilitation, the status of which is to be confirmed with the BID.

7. Repairs to “All of the Above, None of the Above” – Chip (large landscape spiral piece behind library)

- A Chip Clawson piece (tiles and masonry), commissioned in 2006 by the HPAC, property of the city.
- Needs repair (weathering has caused the grout to crack, and one piece has broken off), an estimate from Chip’s contact (Bren) is \$50 an hour, plus \$100 per hour for materials, total not to exceed \$2000. Chip has already paid (not to be reimbursed) for the estimate. No timeframe has been discussed.
- Might be able to be done next spring, budget permitting.
- Ed’s recommendation is to continue to discuss this repair at the next meeting with John present.
- Mary to email out the inventory for folks to see. Perhaps a prioritizing process needs to be established so that the committee knows what needs attention the most. Then to find out what repairs may cost.
- Robert Harrison arch also needs repair on 6th. The committee would like to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

8. Possible installation FY2018

a. Preliminary ideas

- Potential for high profile art installation in Hill Park – what to replace the fountain with. Marshall Mayer has started a GoFundme campaign to replace the fountain, and is open to the idea of potential HPAC facilitation. May also have potential for local donors in town. Should this be a 2018 project for HPAC? HPAC would issue an RFP and set criteria for art as part of the discussion, etc.
- Chip passed around his previously presented potential sculpture locations, budget, and schedule. These could apply to the fountain location.
- This committee is directed to facilitate public art projects, and the fountain was already on the list for public art maintenance. Mitch moved that the Helena Public Art Committee, in its role as advisory committee to the City for Public Art, is willing to discuss what role it can play in a potential replacement art project for Hill Park at the former fountain location. Chip seconded the motion, motion passes.

b. Refining ideas.

9. Public comment – none. A Helena Citizens' Council survey is available to take for those interested.

10. Next meeting September 21