

HPAC Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2015
Room 426, Fourth Floor, City-County Building
Helena, MT

Members present: Carol Montgomery, Jim Gilman, Katherine Haque-Haswrath, Stacey Orrington, Shawn Whitewolf, John Moore, Bobi Harris. Kathy Macefield also attended.

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Bobi called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Bobi presided over the meeting. A quorum was present.

2. Approve minutes from December's meeting

Members approved minutes from November's meeting. Members approved minutes from December's meeting.

3. Parking meter project update

Caleb Fey at the Holter completed the paperwork. Cold weather is delaying installation of the meters; they are still in the window at the L&C Heritage Center. Kathy talked with Caleb; with Holter as owners of the meters (except Paws Park's and HPAC's), he would like to have the meters delivered to the Holter "sometime." Caleb will work on plaques. Carol will talk to him and get back to Bob. Kathy will reset the display at the LCHC (remove the fall decorations). Carol will look into installations. The group discussed maintenance issues.

4. Voting for new chair

John Moore volunteered to sit as chairman. The group elected him to the post.

5. Discussion on 2015 Projects

A. implementation of Art Questionnaire

Kathy will put the questionnaire into Survey Monkey. Print copies will be available at the City-County Building and at the Holter. The Library is another possible location. People will be able to complete the survey on paper or online. The group discussed ways to publicize the questionnaire – posters at survey locations, HPAC website (with link to Survey Monkey), IR article (Your Time), possible radio and TV appearances, HPAC Facebook page, and email. There should be follow-up publicity one week before the survey closes. Kathy will send out the Survey Monkey draft; HPAC will discuss poster design at the February meeting. HPAC will launch the questionnaire in March.

B. implementation of Economic study

We need to make sure 2015 funding for the EIS stays with HPAC. Kathy brought in schedule information from Americans for the Arts. The group discussed developing the EIS

in spring and summer, launching it in January 2016. We would look for a minimum of 800 responses; there was some discussion of the appropriate audiences.

C. Budget

Jim will present budget information at the February meeting. He will contact Helen about the budget deadline.

C. review of work plan

Carol M. will head 2015 Chalk Up Helena! with help from Jim. The group voted to suspend the Open Studios Tour for 2015. The group discussed a possible alternative activity of a monthly or bimonthly Public Art Presentation, focusing on various installations around town. Like the History Tours, a possible \$5 fee was discussed. The group planned to do the Public Art Inventory in April.

6. Membership Expansion

Stacey will look into this, along with Jim. Right now, we have no information about applications or the deadline.

7. unfinished business

A. Eric Feinstein's mobile app?

John will contact Heidi O'Brien to look into this further.

B. Snail damage assessment

The City donated time to repair the installation; the work is finished.

8. Public comment

None.

9. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

10. Next meeting: February 12, 2015