

## Helena Public Art Committee

### Minutes

Jan. 13, 2011

Meeting was held in Room 426, City-County Building, Helena, MT

1. Call meeting to order and establish a quorum : Members present - Vivian Hayes, Carol Montgomery, Carol Swanson, Jim Gilman, Thonas Chvilicek, Russell Cargo. Guests present were Rebecca Ryland and Jamie Antos. Staff - Kathy Macefield. Bobi Harris was absent due to family illness.

2. Carol Montgomery agreed to write up the minutes.

3. We agreed to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting.

4. PEAK (gifted and talented) students mural series - Guest Jamie Antos explained the mural project and asked our help in placing the mural in a suitable environment. It's a "Four Seasons" piece, designed and executed by 3rd to 10th graders in acrylic on plywood. Size is 8 feet by 16 feet. The committee decided to put out a notice to our email contacts that it was available for installation and to put it on our website also. We were concerned about installation costs and Jamie said they could help with those.

5. Open Studios Tour - Sept. 10, 2011. Emails were sent out by Kathy to a short list of artists who said they would like to participate this year; 4 wrote back and two said yes to participation. She will send out applications to the long list of artists next. We discussed inviting Linda McCray to our next meeting as a possible volunteer for doing digital/graphic design for the map/pamphlet. We discussed whether to ask the ticket locations whether they can donate for printing. Printing had been the biggest expense of running the Tour and had eaten up our funds. We listed galleries in town as possible ticket locations: Bear's Den , Ghost Art Gallery, Holter Museum, Jim Stevens, Turman/Larison, Upper Missouri, Birds and Beasley, Swansons.

6. Community Art Show Report - We will go forward with our letter of presentation to Sharon and make a meeting date with her to discuss the program. Vivian will sign the letter. Russ suggested that the MT Historical Society would be a good alternate place for the Art Show in odd years. He will have an off the cuff discussion with the curator. It might be a good idea as a tie in with the fund raising for the new facility.

7. Public Art Plan - Russ presented a more coherent and proactive public art plan for 2012. It would identify and target specific neighborhoods and sites for public art, direct RFPs, facilitate fundraising and help the HPAC with its mission. We decided to ask artist and retired architect Dennis McCann to show us his map of places needing public art.

8. Nominations for Best Companies Supporting the Arts in America - The deadline is Feb. 19. Russ nominated Allegra. Carol S seconded.

9. Updates:

A. Walking Mall concrete arches - We will have a meeting with the City Commission on this project. Members of the HPAC will attend and also the artist. We would like to start this project as soon as it is approved this Spring when weather permits.

B. Art Walk - For the upcoming art walk, we will share space with the Clay Arts Guild again on the Walking Mall. Their space is quite lovely.

10. Public Comment - Rebecca Ryland of Mountain View Meadows sat in on our meeting as a representative of this new subdivision. She was interested in how we handle public art projects. The developers are interested in having outdoor art. We suggested a sculpture park.

11. Adjourn