

HPAC MINUTES

3:30 PM, Thursday, March 10, 2011

Room 426, Fourth Floor, City-County Building

316 Park Avenue, Helena, Montana

1. Call meeting to order and establish a quorum - Members present-Vivian Hayes, Carol Montgomery, Jim Gilman, Karen Sturm, Thomas Chvilicek. Staff-Kathy Macefield. Members absent-Bobi Harris, Carol Swanson, Russell Cargo.

2. Enlist help from the PAC members to write up the meeting notes - Thomas Chvilicek agreed to write up the minutes.

3. Approved minutes from February 10, 2011 - Carol Montgomery moved and Jim Gilman seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2011 meeting; motion passed unanimously.

4. Guest speaker Dennis McCahon - Mr. McCahon addressed the group about downtown public art considerations. Mr. McCahon presented numerous proposed areas for public art in the downtown area and brought in maps to assist members in visualizing the proposed locations. He said art shouldn't "fight" with strong architecture; he suggested the #1 priority should be to dress up the Lyndale Tunnel entry arches. The possibility of a walking tour of the area sometime in May/June to better assist the members in visualizing the areas of interest was discussed.

5. Carol M. - airport visit - Carol discussed her recent tour of the airport and provided pictures of her visit. The airport has 2-story trusses that could be used to hang art, and art could be for sale. Karen mentioned the "Sky Gallery" at the Branson airport in Springfield. The possibility of meeting with the airport manager to discuss the feasibility of using the site for public art in the future was discussed, perhaps in April.

6. Community Art Show report - The project is in limbo awaiting word from HCC if the HPAC will be reorganized under their purview.

7. Updates:

Kathy reports the concrete arches artist is having difficulty coming up with the money to afford paying for an exemption from workers compensation and the \$1 million liability insurance required by the City so the City is looking at making him a temporary employee instead. He also met with the Wong family as there were some issues about the design and may be modifying the design to address those concerns.

Vivian/Kathy discussed the Sept. 10th Open Studios Tour. They are exploring options for the price of printing of the Tour guides; Linda McCray has offered to design the cover. 16 artists have confirmed and 8 others are interested. It was agreed that artists may donate an item to cover the cost of the \$25 entry fee (used for paid advertising).

Allegra was submitted as the local nomination for Best Company Supporting Arts in America.

The Child Family Resource Fair is Saturday March 19, 2011; Vivian and Kathy will be there to promote the July 16th Chalk Up Helena.

8. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.