

## HPAC MINUTES

3:30 PM, Thursday, May 12, 2011,

Room 426, Fourth Floor,

City-County Building

316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana

1. Vivian Hayes, Chair called the meeting to order and established a quorum with members present: Carol Swanson, Jim Gilman, Russ Cargo and Bobi Harris. Also present was Kathy Macefield (Staff). HPAC members absent were Carol Montgomery, Karen Sturm and Thomas Chvileck.

2. Carol Swanson agreed to write up the meeting notes.

3. **Minutes** - Russ Cargo made a motion to approve minutes from the March 10, 2010 meeting with Carol S. second. All present were in agreement to accept the motion with a minor change in # 5. It is Carol Montgomery not Vivian Hayes who has video capabilities to fill the installation of the concrete arches installation. The April minutes will be deferred until the June meeting.

4. **HCC recommendation and Guest: Ellen Bell.** HCC Treasurer-Ellen Bell came to our meeting to invite the Chair and Vice Chair of the HPAC to their next meeting. Vivian mentioned she would politely decline in the invitation and ask Carol Montgomery to attend their meeting. Ellen spoke to the HPAC regarding what the HCC was and their interest in the HPAC. Beginning July 1, 2011 a 6-month trial association would begin to ascertain if it would be beneficial for the HPAC to be absorbed into the HCC. Ellen mentioned a MOU which she did not present at the meeting but would give to Kathy as soon as possible to review.

A benefit of this new arrangement would be the HCC is given time before each Helena City Commission meeting to speak to the commissioners about topics the HCC deem necessary or of interest to the commissioners. The HPAC said they had not formally discussed the idea nor did they have a formal position. Russ moved and Jim seconded the motion to ask for a copy of the MOU and related materials, noting the HPAC is concerned about autonomy. Carol S. noted the need for HPAC discussion and that it was important to have a consensus on the issue. The HPAC agreed we would discuss the pros and cons of this new arrangement and logistics with the full membership at a special meeting. The date and time would be arranged at a later time. Motion passed unanimously by 5:0 vote.

Ellen commented the HCC had already approved proceeding with the concept.

5. **Airport tour follow-up** – Members present agreed the tour of the Helena Airport was beneficial. It was an opportunity to observe where and how all the public art is displayed and the method behind it. The discussion returned to how to utilize the spaces for our purposes and artists. Bobi said the submitted art would need to be labeled –perhaps a volunteer could be found to help or someone could be paid help with

various tasks. Russ will call other airports to find out how they accommodate art and artists; perhaps a gallery commission could be used from art sales.

**6. The Downtown Spring Art Walk** is to be held on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the Dancing Lotus location. Kathy, Vivian and Bobbi volunteered to represent the HPAC at this event.

**7. Chalk Up Helena!** is approaching quickly on July 16, 2011.

A. KMTX Radio, Headline with Paul Stark, 8:45 AM TBA

B. KBLL Radio, Coffee Break with Jay Scott/Susan Clark, 9:15 AM TBA

C. HCTV, Brian Lamour is TBA, Vivian and Carol S. have agreed to participate in the tv interview.

Kathy will call HCTV and the radio stations to schedule the interviews.

**8. Website** - Kathy Macefield has been working on the Public Art Website. A discussion was held after a brief review by the members. The members agreed with the concept and changes to be made to the website. Kathy asked the HPAC members to let her know if they had any suggestions to improve its look and functionality.

**9. Updates:**

**A. Trolley Block Mural Project** - the façade and pedestrian easements have been approved. The members again reviewed the plans and are anxious for Lance Foster to begin this project.

**B. Open Studios Tour** - Sept. 10, 2011; noon - 5:00 PM Kathy Macefield presented each member with a tentative list of the OST locations and participants. All members agreed it was a good mix of artists.

**C. Community Art Show** – Bobi Harris reported to the members she has reserved the Capital Rotunda for February 20 through March 2, 2012. The art will not be placed in hallways and the HPAC should put in our budget to add stands, boards, pick up and delivery.

**10. Public comment:** There was no public comment.

**11. Other business:** The next meeting will be held at 3:30 pm, Thursday, June 9, 2011.

**12. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.