



MINUTES

3:30 p.m., November 16, 2017

Room 326, City-County Building

1. Call meeting to order and establish quorum

Members present: John Moore, Susan Raucy Steffens, Virginia Niccolucci, Nick Ladas, Mitch Carroll, Chris Riccardo, Abigail St. Lawrence

Others present: Mary Vandebosch, staff; Ron Waterman and Duran Caferro, citizens

2. Approve minutes from October 19

- a Motion: Susan Raucy Steffens moved to accept the minutes from October 19, 2017. Mitch Carroll seconded. Motion passed.

3. Hill Park Public Art Project

- a. Ron Waterman gave a progress report on his “Equity Fountain,” a prospective gift to the city. He met with local artists in October to discuss the development of a design and announced November 28th as the date of their next meeting. The plan is to develop a design which will be used as a fundraising tool; it should be completed by HPAC’s next meeting in December. Ron said he refers to the art piece as the “Equity Fountain” for lack of any specific name and said it will represent the values of equality, diversity, justice and peace that are important to our community. A funding mechanism will soon be developed. Public outreach will include press releases. Plans going forward will be to meet further with this committee and City Parks and Recreation, eventually bringing the proposal before the Helena City Commission. Ron stated he wishes to work collaboratively with HPAC to determine if his design meets the needs of the community.
- b. Duran Caferro also attended the meeting to give HPAC a progress report on Marshall Mayer’s GoFundMe campaign. They have now raised almost \$4,000 to be put toward the Hill Park Public Art Project. The GoFundMe effort is fundraising only. Marshall and Ron Waterman have discussed how they might work together.
- c. Mitch Carroll gave a short report on the sub-committee’s meeting with Amy Teegarden. There had been much discussion in the sub-committee meeting regarding HPAC’s call process and whether there was a need for an open call to other artists for

the Hill Park Public Art Project. The members at the full meeting reiterated the need for transparency to the public in its discussions with the two fundraising groups. Virginia asked whether HPAC was required as part of its normal procedures to have an open call. John will check into that. Abby made a motion to table any HPAC plans for the project in Hill Park pending efforts by Ron Waterman to bring forward a privately funded project. Mitch seconded it. Motion passed.

- d. Amy Teegarden developed a list of criteria for the Hill Park Public Art Project which Virginia read to the committee and Ron Waterman. Virginia said she was not sure the list was finalized, but that Ron would receive a copy when it was.

4. Fall Art Walk November 3

- a. HPAC's presence at the Fall Art Walk went well. The committee thanked Chris Riccardo, Director of the Holter Museum of Art, for allowing HPAC to set their table up there; it was a great spot. The committee also thanked Nick Ladas and Becky Lawson for making displays and to the HPAC members who volunteered to work at the table that evening.

5. Traffic signal boxes

- a. Mary told the committee that installations were not complete although she was not sure why. It was possible the cold weather may have impeded the progress. Plans are to hold a formal dedication when installations are completed.

6. Prioritizing maintenance

- a. It was decided at the last meeting that Pioneer Park was the pressing need. There was some discussion at today's meeting about the cost.

7. Chalk Up Helena! 2018 date of event

- a. July 21, 2018 is the date for Symphony Under the Stars. It was decided that HPAC's Chalk Up Helena event should be held on the same day, since Symphony Under the Stars brings a lot of people into town.

8. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

9. Discuss date of December meeting

- a. Date of next meeting is December 21st, which did not seem to be a conflict for anyone attending today's meeting.