



**Public Art Advisory Committee
Minutes**
August 27, 2014–4:30 p.m.
Legion Hall
216 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



COMMITTEE MEETING – Began at 4:30 p.m.

• **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Committee members Bob Youde, Barbara Nokes-Kwader and Claire Remsberg were present. Also present were Delta James, City Planner and Dennis Coyle, Parks and Recreation Director.

• **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Claire moved and Bob seconded a motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2014 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

• **PUBLIC ART EXAMPLES**

Bob shared publications from Sheridan, Wyoming, that highlighted their public art collection.

• **PUBLIC ART PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES**

“Before I Die...” public art project: Staff reported that the project has been filled with comments several times. The majority of comments are positive and inspiring. The Parks Dept. crew have been monitoring the project daily and removing any offensive comments or images. The project will remain in Legacy Park until after Labor Day, and then staff will determine if it should be moved or stored for the winter months. Delta reported that she has received inquiries from Twin Falls and Eagle members who saw the “Before I Die...” project in McCall and want to replicate it in their communities.

Urban Renewal District – Fir Street tree grates: Staff reported that the project will include only 4 tree grates, but that the Call to Artists for custom designs could still go forward and provide designs to be utilized at other locations in the future. The Community Connections project within the Urban Renewal District will not include new tree grates. The Committee discussed that the Call to Artists for the tree grate designs would be open to artists living in Valley, Adams and Idaho counties and requested that a draft of the Call to Artists be ready for review at the next committee meeting.

Rotary Park improvements: Staff reported that funding for public art for Rotary Park is on the funding contingency list for FY2014 Local Option Tax funding. Notification if funding availability will likely occur in October.

Alpine Playhouse / sidewalk connections (Community Connections) public art project: Staff presented a preferred project location for placement of public art – a “hang out” spot on the north side of the Alpine Playhouse within the Fir Street right of way. The committee agreed that the site has a lot of potential for public art furniture or other elements to create an interesting gathering place for people before and after plays. The committee discussed general themes of social gathering, theatre/arts and environment/recreation in McCall for the artwork. The public art opportunity would be open to artists living in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Other: Dennis mentioned that the playground equipment at Brown Park needs replacement and that might be a public art opportunity.

- **FUNDING**

NEA Our Town Grant: Staff reported that the guidelines for this grant opportunity should be released in late September. City will look into applying for this grant for public art on Lardo Bridge.

FY2015 City budget allocation: Staff reported that \$7000 has been allocated within the City of McCall budget for public art. This is in addition to \$10,000 being carried over from the FY2014 budget which is dedicated match for the \$10,000 grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts for the public artwork near the Alpine Playhouse. The committee discussed if some or all of the FY15 public art budget should be used to increase the public art budget for the project at the Alpine Playhouse. *Bob moved and Claire seconded a motion to allocate \$1500 of the FY15 public art budget to the Alpine Playhouse public art project. The motion passed.*

Other: Dennis outlined the Parks Department sponsorship policy for recognition of private or corporate donations. Dennis will send a copy of the policy to the committee for review.

- **PUBLIC ART EDUCATION / ADVOCACY**

No new updates.

- **OTHER**

Next meeting date – staff will email out meeting date options for an early November meeting.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

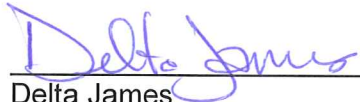
Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Date: Nov. 5, 2014



Claire Remsberg
PAAC Chair

Attest:



Delta James
City Planner