



**Public Art Advisory Committee  
Minutes**  
November 5, 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, Claire Remsberg, and Alison Foudy were present. Also present were City Planner Delta James and Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Coyle.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Alison motioned, Bob seconded to approve the August 27, 2014 minutes. Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

- “Before I Die...”: Staff reported that the “Before I Die...” panel has been removed for the winter and that photos and a sample of the writings have been posted on the City of McCall and Before I Die web sites.
- Fir Street tree grates: Staff distributed the draft Call to Artists to request submittal of tree grate designs. The deadline for submittal is January 16, 2015. Alison volunteered to serve on the selection committee.
- Community Connections (Alpine Playhouse) sidewalk project: Staff distributed the draft Call to Artists, which is a request for qualifications, for the artwork to be incorporated within a gathering place in the public right of way of Fir Street at the north side of the Alpine Playhouse. The Call to Artists is open to artists living in Idaho, Washington and Oregon, with a submittal deadline of January 16, 2015. Claire volunteered to serve on the selection committee.
- Rotary Park improvements: Staff reported that FY14 Local Option Tax funds allocated for public art at Rotary Park is approximately \$3100. The initial request was for \$8000 with \$4000 match from the McCall Improvement Committee. Staff intends to submit an Idaho Commission on the Arts Public Art Grant application for this project and will confirm the match commitment with the McCall Improvement Committee.

**GIFT ACCEPTANCE PROPOSAL**

- “Taking Flight” by Alisa Looney: Staff presented a gift proposal from artist Alisa Looney that is a sculpture of an abstract human form constructed of powder coated steel in bright blue. The artist has deep connections to McCall (her father was a smoke jumper and her parents met in McCall) and would like to gift the sculpture to the City. The gift would include funds to pay for a concrete pad to be installed as a footing for the sculpture and \$500 to seed a public art maintenance fund. The artist would like the piece installed near the lake or river. Staff extensively explored several options with the artist and the artist has proposed two possible locations – one at the corner of Pine and E. Lake Street across from Mountain Monkey Business where the strawberry patch is planted, and the other where Pine Street and Railroad Avenue meet in the landscaped bulb out in front of AmeriTitle. Committee members discussed the two proposed locations and felt the second option near AmeriTitle was best because the other location has yet to be developed and may warrant changes
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to that corner when it does. The Committee directed staff to gain input from adjacent property owners regarding the proposed gift and location near AmeriTitle.

**FUNDING**

- NEA Our Town grant – application January, 2015: This is a nationally-competitive large grant program that could support public art associated with Lardo Bridge or downtown improvements. The challenge is finding adequate matching funds for such a large grant program. Passage of the pending 1% sales tax ordinance may provide matching funds for a downtown project. Staff will determine if this grant will be pursued after the upcoming election.
- ICA Public Art grant – application January, 2015: Staff intends to apply for funds for public art at Rotary Park and use the MIC and LOT funds as match.

**PUBLIC ART EDUCATION / ADVOCACY**

- Cabin Fever: Claire will work with the McCall Arts and Humanities Council to schedule a film and public art talk in associate with the Cabin Fever series.

**OTHER**


- Next meeting date: Staff will arrange a next meeting in early January, 2015.

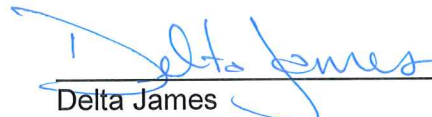
**ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Date: Jan. 14, 2015

Attest:

  
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Claire Remsberg  
PAAC Chair

  
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Delta James  
City Planner