



## Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes

June 15, 2017–12:00 p.m.

KB Burritos

616 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, McCall, ID 83638



### COMMITTEE MEETING – Began at 12:00 p.m.

#### • CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee members Claire Remsberg, Barbara Nokes-Kwader, Dave Peugh, Craig Vroom, and Sue Dixon were present. Also present was Delta James, City Planner.

#### • PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

- Dumpster wrap: Staff provided an update on the dumpster wrap public art project. The property owner that was considering testing this project has elected not to pursue the public art wrap and will be enclosing their dumpster instead. The property owner was not comfortable with the conditions recommended by the committee, specifically the requirement to replace the public art wrap whenever it should become damaged. Without a specific timeline for replacement, this posed too much financial uncertainty for the property owner. Staff will not be moving the dumpster wrap public art project forward to City Council review as there has not been wide support from the Public Art Committee or the public for the project. A survey issued by staff resulted in 85 respondents, of which only 56% indicated support for making dumpsters objects of art.
- Lardo Bridge: The City has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town grant program. This is matched 1:1 by City funds for a total project budget of \$50,000. The City matching funds are primarily a result of cost savings from the Alpine Playhouse Plaza project and private donations. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be issued for the Lardo Bridge project to select an artist that will first visit McCall and interact with the community via the McCall Arts and Humanities' (MAHC) programs to gain insight into the lake's importance and role in the life of the community. Then the selected artist will take that information and create up to three design ideas for public art on the bridge. The community will be given an opportunity to comment on the public art ideas before a final design is selected. The bridge can accommodate up to six sculptures, but it is unlikely that all six locations will be able to be filled unless the budget is increased. A volunteer selection committee of five members will be assembled to help select the artist and final artwork. Committee member ideas include a representative from the Idaho Transportation Department, McCall Arts and Humanities Council, Rotary Club, and artists. Sue Dixon will serve as a representative of the McCall Public Art Committee. It is anticipated that artist selection will occur late summer/early fall 2017 with community outreach via MAHC in winter/spring 2018, artwork design selection and fabrication in summer/fall 2018 and installation before July 4, 2019. Committee members directed staff to open the RFQ nationally, but to focus promotion of the RFQ to artists within contiguous states.
- Senior project – Laurel Crawford: Staff reported that Laurel is interested in doing a public art project for her MDHS Senior Project. She has interest in

transforming a piece of civic infrastructure (like a dumpster or power junction box). Claire offered to help Laurel brainstorm ideas.

- **FUNDING**

- NEA Our Town grant: see above.
- City: \$10,000 has been requested in the FY18 City budget for public art. The Committee is encouraged to speak during the budget hearing process about the importance of public funding for the arts. Staff will inform the committee of budget hearing dates.
- Idaho Commission on the Arts: If FY18 City funding is allocated to public art, the City can seek another Idaho Commission on the Arts grant to boost the Lardo Bridge project budget.
- Private contributions: Committee members are encouraged to talk to community members about helping to fund the Lardo Bridge project. Staff can provide information and materials to support fundraising by committee members.

- **NEXT MEETINGS**

- June 29 – Annual report to City Council: Claire will present. Committee members are encouraged to attend.
- September \_\_\_\_, 2017: Staff will send out a poll to determine the next meeting date.

- **SITE VISIT**

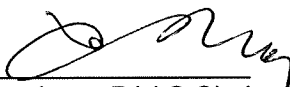
- The Committee and staff visited Lardo Bridge to tour the public art project site.

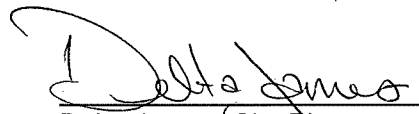
- **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Date: SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Attest:

  
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Claire Remsberg, PAAC Chair

  
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Delta James, City Planner