

## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 15, 2023 5:30 PM

- ☑ Amanda Reese (Chair)☑ Maxwell Hay (Vice-Chair)☑ Damaey Palley
- ☑ Ramsay Ballew☑ Jennie Stapp

- oxdim Jeanie Warden
- □ Meghan Harrington
- Laura Langdon
- 1. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.
- 2. Minutes: The minutes were accepted as corrected.
- 3. Budget Update: Bridget reported that no funds have been spent since the last meeting. There will be an invoice paid for the Centennial tunnel project signs and posters.

## 4. Staff Reports

a. Resolution: Bridget presented the draft resolution that will re-establish the Helena Public Art Committee. She shared the background information that created this change from the memo for the upcoming Commission administrative meeting scheduled for March 22. "As part of the Commission initiative to modernize and improve support to the City's advisory board system, the Helena Public Art Committee resolution will be re-created and the board reestablished. The revised resolution will include directives given by the City Commission to be instituted throughout the general advisory boards and committees. At the Administrative meeting on February 3, 2021 the Commission gave consensus direction to institute administrative and governing policies which would create consistent support internally from staff to the City's general advisory bodies. In addition, the policies would create more efficient processes of engagement between the advisory groups and the Commission. A general timeline was established by the office of the Commission based upon staff availability and resources, including input from department liaisons and the Commission members.

It was determined several initiatives should be pursued, including the re-creation of resolutions for the general advisory boards and committees to include the specific policy direction of the Commission. The order of resolutions to be recreated took into consideration any board sunset dates. complexity of the resolutions, staff availability, and other internal factors. Bridget asked if there were any questions or feedback. Paige asked what the definition of a youth is for a youth member. Mayor Collins said it would be someone around 17-25 years old. Bridget explained that it is not defined in the resolution and the plan is for the Commission to create commission policy; in which that would be defined across the board, at an upcoming work session this spring. Bridget explained that at that same time, the Commission will be asked to make policy on legislative (elected) positions and their seats on the various boards. Mayor Collins said that the Commission will be taking a step back from several boards except ones where a member is required such as Public Health. Bridget also explained that the current structure of the board calls for eleven members and the proposal calls for 9. The HCC representative and the Commission representative would not be members until such time as defined by Commission policy. She explained that currently both Lou and Paige are not official members as they have not reapplied since their terms ended Dec 31 which leaves us with 9 current members; if the resolution is passed then the Mayor's seat would be vacated as well leaving 8 current members and a spot to add a youth member. Bridget said that if consensus is given on March 22, then it will go for Commission approval on March 27.

- 5. FY24 Budget Requests: Amanda presented the proposal put together by the sub-committee. She stated that the art maintenance budget and promotion budget are status-quo. The projects they propose are as follows:
  - a. Dumpster Murals \$5,000. She said they thought this was a good project to follow the success of the Rodney Street Is... dumpster project and they would work with the Solid Waste division. They propose to make it a

- community event. Locations have not been proposed yet but hoped the committee could decide by this spring.
- b. Community Collaboration \$5,000. Amanda stated this would be similar to what HPAC did for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward mural project and the Rodney Street Is... project; both of which received \$5,000 in the last two years from HPAC. She said that HPAC would identify a project to support.
- c. Opportunity Budget \$1,000. This money would be used to support an unexpected project or event that comes up. HPAC has had several requests in the last few years that HPAC had no means to support. This would give HPAC a means to support a small project that needs help.

Amanda asked for feedback. Bridget brought up a concern about the timeline for the dumpster project which lists a call for artists in May 2023. She stated that preliminary budget approval does not happen until June so HPAC would be putting out a call before a budget is approved for the project. There was discussion about altering the timeline and starting the call for artists July 1. Troy said that this proposal is a good representation of what HPAC would present to the Commission as a report. Mayor Collins stated the graphics make for a nice read for the Commission.

Ramsay motioned to approve the FY24 budget proposal with the adjustment to the timeline for the dumpster project to start July 1; Mayor Collins seconded the motion, the motion carried.

6. Centennial Tunnel Mural Project: Bridget reported that there have been no submissions yet except for the couple in the first days that were not complete. There was some discussion about how it is being promoted. Amanda mentioned the public comments on social media have been a good learning experience and is eager to see how the anti-graffiti sealer will help. She said this project will also be a good opportunity to see how the community respects public art. Amanda is working on a scoring rubric for artist selection. The decision on the RURD grant will come before the City Commission on March 27. Amanda also discussed the need to start raising funds and talking to

potential donors. Amanda asked if the City knew if artists that are not selected for the first tunnel could be used for the second tunnel. Ramsay stated she thinks it would be good to ask them to re-submit. Bridget stated that due to the amount of the project, they are not under any public bidding laws and they surely could allows submissions from the previous project but would recommend doing as Ramsay stated and ask them to reapply.

- 7. "Rodney Street Is..." Pocha Bench Update: Amanda said this was a project through the Myrna Loy with a AARP grant. There was a lot of public comment which drove them to move the location in the park out of the sledding lane. The parks department is now in possession of the seating and will be installing it once the ground thaws. The parks department has since ordered new playground equipment in colors to match the artistic seating.
- 8. Communications/Announcements
  - a. Laura informed the committee about Gold Rush Days coming up May 6-8 and explained that it is made up of about 30 events that build off of the Vigilante Parade. She said it focuses on history and is sponsored by Visit Helena. She asked if any members would be interested in helping. Several people stated interest and Amanda asked Laura if she could send a list of when and what is needed for help.
  - b. Amanda announced that the Rodney Street Is... projects will be shared on NBC Montana.
- 9. Public Comment none
- 10. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.