



Minutes
3:30PM, January 16th, 2020
Room 326, City-County Building

1. Call meeting to order by Susan Steffens at 3:30.

A quorum was not established.

a. In Attendance: Susan Steffens, Kristin Drees, Nick Ladas, Peggy Benkelman, Kathy Macefield

b. Excused: Abigail St. Lawrence, Maragaret Strachan, Jennie Stapp

2. Approve minutes from December 2019 Meeting

Move to next meeting.

3. Discussion of Ghost Signs Preservation

Now with the City Manager gone as well as Ed Noonan, it has become more difficult to determine what money may be available to complete signs. The HPAC board is considering just choosing two, one of which will be the Firestone Signage. Via Kevin Keeler, perhaps the Firestone Foundation and the building owners will cover the cost of that sign. Discussions will continue in the future.

4. Erin Farris-Olson Presentation

Erin presented to the HPAC Committee. She suggested a wall mural on a couple of downtown buildings. She would be glad to help with the grant writing and identification of a possible Non-Profit Organization (NPO) that would be a fiscal sponsor. Erin works with www.HeartofRockies.org and will be happy to help our organization when she has the time. The wall on the side of the On Broadway building is a great location for art.

5. Memorial Installation for Kyle Boundy

The executive committee of HPAC discussed the wording of the RFP with Kristi Ponzoso. She talked at length about the cost of the city providing a "fall area", it could cost as much as \$15K. After discussions, it was decided to leave out the wording of playground and ability to climb on the sculpture. A motion will be decided at the next meeting. Peggy will provide committee members with an updated RFP for Boundy.

6. Traffic Signal Boxes Discussion

After meeting with Kristi Ponzoso (Open Lands & Parks – City of Helena) and Liz Hurst (Finance Dept), the Executive Committee made the decision to cover only 7 traffic signal boxes in the interest of saving money to carry over to next year. Artists will be paid \$700

per box and Fast Signs will charge \$4,257.00 to cover 7 signs (includes installation). Will make a formal motion at next meeting.

Peggy has made the design for outreach and will put the RFP out to the public as soon as David Knoepke of Transportation Dept. approves. Selection of artists' renderings will be chosen by April 30th. HPAC will probably choose them at the 4/16/20 meeting. The criteria for selection is on the RFP. Peggy will have a voting rubric ready.

7. Chalk Up Helena

Next Chalk up will be July 18th. Discussed having sponsors and not charging. Maybe have a theme centered around another event in Helena. More discussion at the next HPAC meeting. Ed Noonan was going to approach the Holter to get an artist to participate for Chalk Up (the Holter would pay the artist). Now that idea could be moved for discussion at the next meeting.

8. HPAC's Role as an Advisory Council

The lines are still a bit blurred but it has been ruled within the city, that all RFPs must be submitted and approved by a city office/program manager, such as Transportation head, Director of Open Lands, Parks and Recreation etc.

The HPAC's project plan for 19-20 was approved at a City Administrative meeting on Oct. 31st. The plan includes Traffic Signal box coverings, Boundy Sculpture and Ghost Sign Repairs. HPAC will also have Chalk UP! 2020. This is a pretty full agenda for the year.

9. Public Comment

Kathy Macefield wondered about having a representative from HPAC attend a meeting about the city selling Performance Park. It has a mural in it and it would be nice to preserve it by covering with glass? Shakespeare in the Park was always performed there in the past. Grandstreet Theatre utilizes it for picnics too.

Members need to reach out to get a couple more members. Peggy will forward applications to members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

10. Next Meeting February 20th at 3:30PM in room 326