



Minutes
3:30PM, February 20, 2020
Room 326, City-County Building

1. Call meeting to order by Kristin Drees at 3:30.

A quorum was established.

a. In Attendance: Mayor Wilmot Collins, Kristin Drees, Nick Ladas, Peggy Benkelman, Margaret Strachan, Chelly Hasquet, Kathy Macefield

b. Excused: Abigail St. Lawrence, Jennie Stapp, Susan Steffens

2. Approve minutes from December 2019 and January 2020 Meeting

Presentation : Holter – After School Art Project presentation. Sondra Hines (Holter) and students: Lucy Schneider, Michael Simmons, Megan Lund, Luna Scott, Drake Kelly, Carter Hafterson.

Committee liked the presentation and hoped it would come to fruition. A motion to approve and support the project was made by Kristin Drees and seconded by Margaret Strachan. So moved. The project will be presented at a future Administrative Commission Meeting and the Streets/Transportation department.

3. Discussion of Ghost Signs Preservation

Peggy has located an email from Ana Cortez to Ed Noonan stating the City's approval of improving the downtown by repainting the Ghost Sign Murals. She states the funds have been identified in the CMO (City Manager's Office Budget) and the rest of the funds to complete two (2) murals would come from the General Fund. The HPAC committee explained the situation to Mayor Collins. After mentioning the hope that the Firestone Foundation would complete a mural, Wilmot mentioned that the Firestone family was very prominent in his native Liberia. Rubber plant there was named HARBEL after Harvey and Mabel Firestone. Peggy will touch base with Kevin Keeler in regards to the Firestone Ghost Sign. HPAC is pushing to receive its \$30K- \$50K of funding.

4. Erin Farris-Olson Presentation – Erin will continue to look for grant money for us. HPAC would still like to see the wall by *On Broadway* by painted.

5. Memorial Installation for Kyle Boundy

Release should be early to mid-March, upon approval by Kristi Ponozzo.

Peggy has submitted all necessary paperwork to Kristi Ponozzo for permission to release the RFP as soon as possible.

6. Traffic Signal Boxes Discussion

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). The RFP has been released and advertised.

7. Chalk Up Helena

Next Chalk up will be July 18th, 2020. Discussed having sponsors and not charging. Maybe have a theme centered around another event in Helena. Consider Sponsorships and developing a committee to make a bigger impact on the Community. The Symphony theme this year is those *Fabulous 80's*.

Kristin Drees made a motion to not charge for Chalk Up in 2020, Nick Ladas seconded the motion. So moved. Chalk Up will say that donations may be accepted. HPAC needs to work on better promotion/advertising this year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

8. Next Meeting March 19th, at 3:30PM in room 326