



**Minutes**  
**3:30PM, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Via Zoom**

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

**A quorum was established**

**In Attendance:** Susan Steffens, Kristin Drees, Abigail St. Lawrence, Jennie Stapp, Chelly Hasquet, Margaret Strachan, Mayor Wilmot Collins, Kathy Macefield, Peggy Benkelman, Kristi Ponozzo

**Excused:** Lou Archambault, Nick Ladas

**2. Approve minutes from February 20, 2020**

A motion was made to approve minutes. Motion seconded. Minutes approved.

**3. Equity Fountain - Ron Waterman**

The Fountain has been installed with a new pump for water. Ron Waterman stated he still needs to coordinate with the city for new light fixtures so the fountain can be illuminated at night. He is still fundraising for fountain maintenance.

Discussion of an unveiling ceremony – looking towards the city and the Commission. Due to Covid there will probably be no public event until later in the Fall. Abby St. Lawrence loves idea of unveiling, but it is problematic if unveiling occurs in winter. HPAC members want to delay until fall. Ron requests to have him put on the agenda for the September meeting. Sent your ideas/requests to Ron Waterman email: [ronwaterman530@gmail.com](mailto:ronwaterman530@gmail.com)

Idea: Use Jackson street garage template for ceremony – include one cultural aspect, keep it short and get media coverage. With enough notice, the artist would attend the ceremony. James Sinh (the artist) a refugee himself would be very honored to come.

Kristi Ponozzo - There have been many compliments on fountain. Is there interpretive signage? What do native words mean that are on the fountain? Parks and Recreation are checking into ADA compliance for signage. City may want to put a sign on Benton Ave. The City is working on interpretive sign in the park. Jennie Stapp suggests having an online event, maybe webpage/webcam or Facebook event to cover ceremony in lieu of in-person ceremony because of Covid.

**4. Discussion of Ghost Signs Preservation**

HPAC has not heard about money available. We need to revisit at a future meeting. What are exact costs associated with one ghost sign. It is approximately \$15K per sign according to Kevin Keeler. Kristin Drees is getting in touch with Patrick (On Broadway) to see if they would be

interested in contributing money to ghost signs. HPAC still needs to prioritize sites (probably only 2)

#### **5. Discussion of Budget available for 2020 and 2021**

According to the Finance Department, HPAC will be allotted: \$11,487 FY21. This is approximately \$500 less because money was used to pay Peggy Benkelman for 5 more hours per week. Starting revenue FY21 will be \$24,279. HPAC still needs to pay for Traffic Signal Boxes and the 7 artists. This will total about \$10K.

#### **6. Memorial installation for Kyle Boundy**

There are 25 proposals received. Discussion about how to get all artist's files to HPAC members- Abigail St. Lawrence suggests utilizing DropBox. Artists want to present, but Abigail reminded us that the RFP states to submit, but there are no presentation options allowed. We need to stay with what the RFP states. HPAC members will utilize the Rubric in the RFP to score and evaluate the submissions, scoring 0 thru 5. The top ten will then be discussed at the August meeting. Chelly Hasquet asked about information on Kyle Boundy to be helpful with scoring. Information about Kyle is on our webpage.

#### **7. Traffic Signal Boxes**

The top ten picks were shown on the zoom screen with the points scored on each one. The committee agrees with the selections made. Jennie Stapp - Motion made to approve 1 thru 7. Discussion. The tie for 5<sup>th</sup> would settled as 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place. Motion seconded by Abigail St. Lawrence. Kristin will draft the letter to the artists who were not chosen as finalists.

#### **8. Chalk Up at Home Helena 2020.**

Abigail shared as an event on Facebook, that helped with outreach. Jesse Chaney from IR did want to post pictures, but we did not receive any. Peggy will post pictures (if she eventually receives any) on our webpage

#### **9. Public comment**

Kathy Macefield suggested more outreach in the newspaper.

Chalk up was posted in *Your Time* before the week-long event started.

#### **10. Next meeting August 20, 2020 via Zoom**

