



1. (00:00:14) Call to Order and Roll Call

The following responded present, either via zoom or in person:

x Amanda Reese (Chair)	x Maxwell Hay (Vice-Chair)
x Jeanie Warden (Secretary)	x Renee Kelley
□ Rebecca Shaw-Quiñones	x Mary Webb
x Chelsea Weidman	

2. (00:01:30) Minutes

(00:01:50) Maxwell Hay made a motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Chelsea Weidman seconded the motion.

3. (00:02:11) Election of Officers

Amanda Reese will be Chair. Maxwell Hay will be Vice Chair. Jeanie Warden will be Secretary.

(00:03:52) Renee Kelley made a motion to approve Election of Officers. Chelsea Weidman seconded the motion.

(00:03:52) Amanda Reese called for a vote. Votes were cast as follows:

Amanda Reese	Aye	Chelsea Weidman	Aye
Maxwell Hay	Aye	Renee Kelley	Aye
Jeanie Warden	Aye	Mary Webb	Aye
Rebecca Shaw-Quiñones	N/A		

The motion carried 6:0.

4. (00:04:15) Staff Reports

Bridget Johnston reported that the traffic signal boxes RFP did not go out in January but should be going out in a couple of weeks.

5. (00:05:02) Memorial Park Bandshell RFP

Bridget Johnston reported that the Memorial Park bandshell needs some repairs. The city wants to apply for TIF funds to repair the bandshell. The estimated cost of repairs is \$58,000 dollars. Most of the damage to the bandshell in the bandshell wings of the structure. The city can not afford to repair the wings, so it was suggested to keep the wings as is. Bridget will take this information to the City Administration meeting and get the City Commissions input before the RFP goes out. The committee discussed the potential recommendations of the theme of the art that would go on the bandshell. It was discussed that a literal meaning of patriotism should not be included in the RFP but rather it should be representing patriotism, celebrating patriotism or contributions to America. The committee discussed having the art be red, white and blue. It was decided to recommend that the RFP should not limit the color scheme to be red, white and blue. Renee Kelley suggested we reach out to the Helena Education Foundation and the YMCA for feedback on what they would like on the bandshell. Maxwell Hay suggested enlisting feedback from the community to get suggestions of what art they would like on the bandshell.

Paige Myer made public comment.

“So the cost of not doing the wings could you put up signage of past designs? Would that be in the budget? The wings to honor the wings but also to be interesting.”

The committee will send suggestions to Bridget so she could compile the suggestions and include those with her report to the City Commission.

6. (00:33:45) FY26 Projects

Bridget Johnston reported that the draft budget for FY26 is due February 28, 2025. Bridget discussed getting budget numbers for FY26 projects. Projects

discussed was the downtown walking mall mural, the ATAC mural at the basketball courts, a community collaboration project, and the Welcome to Helena signs. The committee discussed the budget for each project proposed for FY26. It was decided the downtown walking mall mural would be \$5,000 dollars. The ATAC mural would be \$500 dollars. Dumpster recycling bins would be \$5,000 dollars. The community collaboration would be \$5,000 dollars. The Welcome to Helena signs should be two separate costs. The first would be an artist design competition and the second would be the actual sign material costs. The winning design could be \$500. The committee discussed possible locations of the welcome to Helena signs. It was proposed speaking to the city planning to coordinate with them on the signs locations. The Welcome to Helena signs will be further discussed in a future HPAC meeting. The committee discussed cutting the dumpster art project from the FY26 projects if need be. The downtown mural will be top priority for the FY26 projects.

7. (00:51:03) Public Art Events & Promotion Opportunities

The downtown summer art banners had 30 submissions. 4 were selected to be voted for. People can vote on the 4 submissions that current week.

Bridget Johnston discussed the mural at Constitution Park. The park needs work done to it. It was suggested that the mural could be replaced. Bridget Johnston discussed the need to collaborate with the Parks Department to find out future plans for the park. The committee discussed the potential new mural in Constitution Park.

8. (00:59:26) Items for Next Agenda

Welcome to Helena signs will be discussed.

9. (01:00:25) Public Comment

There was no public.

10. (01:00:34) Meeting adjourned.

Maxwell Hay made a motion to adjourn. Renee Kelley seconded the motion.