



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

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Reese (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maxwell Hay (Vice-Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeanie Warden (Secretary)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Renee Kelley                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Chadwick        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Barbachano     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chelsea Weidman                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Webb                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abigail Dolan        |  |

2. (00:06:13) Minutes

Maxwell Hay made a motion to approve the January and February minutes as written.

Abigail Dolan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. (00:07:13) Staff Reports

Staff reports were deferred until later in the meeting due to staff availability.

4. (00:07:30) Community Collaboration Grant Application Review

Only one application to review for the Community Collaboration Grant.

The committee reviewed the application submitted by Charlie Carson for additional murals on the probation and parole building on Rodney Street. The proposal included completing another mural space, building on the success of previous murals in the area.

The committee discussed:

- The positive impact of existing Rodney Street murals
- The feasibility and readiness of the project
- Funding structure and matching requirements
- The possibility of funding a larger portion of the project due to lack of additional applicants

Amanda Reese recused herself from discussion and voting due to prior involvement with Rodney Street mural projects. Maxwell Hay led the discussion.

The committee discussed awarding the full \$5,000 grant for 2 murals, rather than a partial match, to which Charlie Carson agreed.

Maxwell Hay called for a motion.

Christina Barbachano made a motion to recommend funding \$5,000 to Charlie Carson for the Rodney Street mural project. Abigail Dolan seconded the motion.

Votes were cast as follows:

Maxwell Hay – Aye

Christina Barbachano – Aye

Abigail Dolan – Aye

Mary Woodward – Aye

Dave Chadwick – Aye

Amanda Reese – Recused

The motion carried.

##### **5. (00:26:20) Staff Reports (Continued)**

Bridget Johnston provided the following updates:

- The RFP for the Memorial Bandshell has been released and is open until approximately mid-June
- Public art funding from the general fund is expected to be reduced for the upcoming fiscal year
- The public art fund has been significantly utilized in recent years, leaving a smaller remaining balance
- The Downtown Walking Mural project will not move forward due to property ownership issues
- The “Welcome to Helena” signage project remains in early planning stages
- Teen mural opportunity at the 6th Ave parking garage may need to be deferred pending maintenance issues

Bridget Johnston reviewed the proposed budget scenarios and requested committee input on adjusting priorities.

The committee discussed:

- Maintaining the Community Collaboration Grant program
- Potential reallocation of unused funds
- Opportunities for TIF grant matching
- Balancing smaller projects (dumpsters, teen projects) with larger capital projects
- Henderson Underpass mural (pending ownership and funding feasibility)
- Future mural opportunity on Cruse Avenue retaining wall
- Integrating public art into city infrastructure and repair projects
- Take it Easy Snail got hit by a vehicle and needs repair

The committee expressed interest in continuing to build a catalog of future project ideas.

**6. (01:02:43) Committee Member Updates**

- Abigail shared details about Downtown Helena + teen mural project planned for on walking mall
- The Holter Museum of Art annual gala will take place May 15 and will focus on fundraising for roof repairs
- Battle of the Bands is planned for late August and will include youth participation and prizes

**7. (01:08:55) Public Art, Event & Promotion Opportunities**

The committee discussed continuing public art promotion efforts including:

- Public art promotion efforts
- Chalk Up Helena planning
- Percent for Art ordinance discussion

**8. (01:09:30) Public Comment**

No public comment

**9. (01:09:40) Meeting adjourned.**

Maxwell Hay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Abigail Dolan seconded the motion.