Missoula Public Library

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**October 27, 2021**

**6:00**

**ZOOM online meeting**

# Citizen comments are very important to the Library Trustees. Policy states that public comment is limited to three minutes on each agenda item or three minutes at the beginning of the meeting on items not on the agenda.

# ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair, Audra Loyal

**ROLL CALL** Members present were: Audra Loyal (Online), Becky Mosbacher, Forrest Boughner, Margaret Wafstet (Phone), Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson (Online), Carol Wolfe (Online), and Honore Bray.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathi Olson and Dennis Lippert – MSLA Public Art Committee, Mike Lustig – Artist, Staff members: Will Klaczynski, Amanda Allpress, Desiree Funston, Elizabeth Jonkel.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANYTHING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

**MINUTES – September 22, 2021 meeting –** Becky Mosbacher made a motion to accept the

minutes as presented. Forrest Boughner, second the motion. Motion carried.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

**CLAIMS** – **September, 2021,** Forrest Boughner made a motion to accept the claims as presented, Becky Mosbacher second the motion. Motion carried.

# CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

**STATISTICS –** No comments

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**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Solar Project is complete. The inspection has been completed and North Western Energy will be billed for the grant.

Families First, will be adding a full-time employee that will be on the second floor to engage with parents and children when using the active engagement items. This person will help with family learning and enrichment. FF, will also be adding new items to the area.

Negotiations has begun with the Union. This year wages are the item to be dealt with.

Climbing structure construction has halted. Proses Curiosity will be giving us a new timeline once they find a new fabricator.

Community Radio is potentiality moving into one of MCAT’s small studios. At this time Joel is working with them on a plan and an MOU with MCAT for the space.

The stairs are the Main Street entrance are causing an issue because they are staggered. The shorter stairs are painted black but individuals still so not see them and are falling, or twisting ankles. AE Design, submitted two possible solutions to the problem. Handrails can continue down the north of the door in the same fashion as in front of the doors or a continuous handrail could run parallel with the windows from the door west.

The first option is the option of choice. Honore will contact AE Design.

Honore presented the 2022 Calendar. It will be voted on under new business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Building –** Hinges on two interior front doors have failed. TC Glass will be in to fix.

The Nano Wall for the Maker Space still has missing parts and Nano Wall training will be completed by TC Glass. The gate separating the coffee shop from the Library is too heavy for the hardware and DAC has new hardware ordered for the gate. The soft play area is ordered and should be installed in late January.

**COVID Conversation –** The library is back to full staff and will resume normal hours.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:**

# NEW BUSINESS

**Public Art Opportunity –** Kathi Olson, Dennis Lippert and Mike Lustig, presented the Trustees with an opportunity to accept a DASH transforming space with artwork and imagination project. DASH is a 501c3 nonprofit organization co-founded in 2021 by Courtney Hammond and Beth Malone as a co-op that created non-traditional art experiences in vacant buildings. Since then, the group has grown into an all-encompassing, national arts agency offering a wildly creative approach to strategic development and public engagement. Msla Public Art Committee has received a grant from DASH and the Artist is Mike Lustig. After visiting Missoula, Mike would like to do the installation of his art in the Public Library. This would be a gift to Missoula Public Library. After viewing works of Mike and his presentation the Trustees voted to work with the Public Art Committee to do the installation in the library. Audra Loyal made the motion to proceed with the partnership with the Public Art Committee, Forrest Boughner second the motion, motion carried.

Forrest Boughner, Audra Loyal, Honore Bray, and Elizabeth Jonkel, will work with the PAC and Mike Lustig on the installation which will be installed on the north black wall of the main staircase rising from the parking area to the first floor.

**Doyle letter –** Discussion took place about what catering means and how this affects the contract between the Library and the Coffee Shop. Honore will contact the County Attorney’s office for some clarity before moving ahead with an answer to the questions asked by Ms. Doyle. This will be tabled till the November meeting.

**MPL 2022 Calendar** – Becky Mosbacher made a motion to adopt the 2022 calendar and Forrest Boughner second the motion. Motion carried.

**Library Director Recruitment update** – The recruitment closes on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. HR will go through the applications first to see which applications qualify. The Trustees will see the application after, opportunities will be available for community members to meet the candidates and the Trustees are the final decision makers.

**Next meeting will take place in person and online.**

**Time: Tuesday, November, 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

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Honore D. Bray, Director Date

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Audra Loyal, Chair of the Trustees Date