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Caitlin Cameron
Urban Designer, Planning Division

PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Room 3, Portland Public Library

Attendance:

Lin Lisberger, James Cradock, Jere DeWaters, Alison Hildreth, Julia Kirby, Pandora LaCasse, (Staff: Alex Jaegerman, Caitlin Cameron)

Also in attendance: A member of the press (Carol McCracken from the Munjoy Hill News)

Not in attendance: Terry DeWan, Jessica Lipton, Councilor Marshall, Tony Muench

Call to Order: 4:01pm

Elect Vice-Chair – Lisberger nominated Julia Kirby, Hildreth seconded; No other nominations

Comments: Hildreth stated that she thought Kirby would be excellent.

Vote: Unanimously approved (6-0 Kirby abstained)

Approve Minutes with from August 21, 2013

PROJECT REPORTS

- Jetport Sculpture Siting – Lisberger

The gifts to the Jetport were approved at the City Council meeting.

- LANGLAIS – Lisberger

Ms. Lisberger reported that the Kohler Foundation approved the splitting up of the heads. There will be a meeting with the School Board at the Superintendent's Office at Reiche School – the school system will decide where to place (Portland High School, Deering, etc.) Lisberger still has not found a permanent home for the two bear sculptures. Bob Keyes will be doing an article to help with the effort and bring attention to the acquisitions. Jaegerman needs to talk to City Hall management about temporary placement in City Hall for the two bears sculpture. LaCasse suggested places the heads in Ocean Gateway instead of the schools. McCracken asked about the State of Maine Room as a possible location. Cameron commented that the State of Maine Room would be difficult due to the number of uses and lack of wall space. Kirby suggested Congress Square or the Westin Event Center space.

Alex Jaegerman arrives at 4:20pm.

Lisberger asked whether each site needs to be approved (Jaegerman: I think we should, at least the temporary sites). Lisberger commented that there has been no response from the Casco Bay Lines about the terminal as a possible site.

- **Web Site Update – Cradock**

Mr. Cradock announced that the PERCH additional work was approved. Changes will be made by the end of the week.

- **Launch Party – Kirby**

Launch party will include a fire dance performance and food truck (Portside Picnic). Lisberger enforced the point that Committee members should attend. The party will include the launch of the website as well as the Temporary Art Guidelines. The group generated a list of organizations to send the announcement: SPACE Gallery, Maine Arts Commission, Creative Portland, Nicole Clegg, Portland Downtown District, MECA, Sandra Harris. The party will take place at the bandshell for the projection and screen. Lisberger clarified these expenses are coming from the PPAC event budget and the remainder will split between paying the fire dancers and Mensk.

- **Civic Center RFQ update – Cameron**

RFQ is due to go out on October 1st.

Subcommittee Reports

- **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

- Lisberger asked what the goals are of the committee for acquisition. Lisberger also asked staff how much money is in the budget (Jaegerman: We owe you that information but do not have at this time). Jaegerman pointed out that coordination and public art will be a part of the Congress Square redesign RFP. LaCasse projected that Congress Square will be a two-year process. The Site Committee will meet and discuss and come to the next Committee meeting with ideas for how to proceed with next acquisition and Congress Square.

- **GOVERNANCE/BOARD DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Lisberger**

- August Appointments – Lisberger reported that four people applied for the open position.

- **COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Lisberger**

- Art in Our Front yard
 - Discussion of Further events – Lisberger asked when the next Monument Square event should take place, Christmas-time, wait until Spring? She also asked whether the Committee wants to continue with this program. LaCasse answered that yes, especially since the City will be acquiring more art. The consensus was to start the events again in April. Lisberger asked who amongst the sub-committee wants to be in charge the pr for these events. Cameron suggested trying a lunchtime event to improve attendance.
 - PR for events – Lisberger commented that the public relations needs to improve for the PPAC. Suggestions from the attendees included: Artwalk guide, Portland Downtown District Calendar, Nicole Clegg/City of Portland press, Friends of . . . groups. LaCasse suggested the PPAC create its own mailing list. Cradock suggested Mailchimp which is free. Kirby added that Vertical Response is free for non-profits. LaCasse asked why not use Creative Portland and 2 Degrees. Lisberger suggested the sub-committee come up with a list of names and emails that should be on the list. Cradock asked who links to the PPAC website and which organizations should be cross-linked and follow-up with.

- **SITES SUBCOMMITTEE – Hildreth & Cradock**

- Relocation of Cloud Couch – Cradock visited three sites including the Back Cove, Payson Park, and Harbor View Park. The Committee must go to City Council to get the new site approved. Hildreth asked what the size of the bench (answer: not known). Lisberger asked whether there is a preference for the bench to stay off-peninsula. Most members agreed that off-peninsula was preferred. Lisberger commented that a site with an existing slab or hardscape would be preferred. Cradock asked who would move the bench (Jaegerman: Will ask Jonathan Taggart that question). The group will set a date to meet and measure. Lisberger will send email organizing that. Budget an hour and a half for the site visit. Kirby asked why the couch was to be moved (Lisberger: Site doesn't work well, no one uses it).

Other Business

- Congress Square Plaza – Already discussed during budget discussion.
- Bike Racks – The Bicycle Coalition is looking for suggestions from the general public on where to site new bike racks. The question was asked by when the Bicycle Coalition wants this feedback and no one knew the answer. It was suggested that people look at the website for more information.
- Temporary Art Logo feedback was provided.

Meeting adjourned 5:51pm

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2013