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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 16, 2013
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Room 3, Portland Public Library

MEETING AGENDA

Attendance :

Alison Hildreth, Lin Lisberger, Jim Cradock, Peggy Greenhut Golden, Tony Muench (Staff Kirsten Stray-Gundersen, Edwige Charlot)

Call to Order (4:07pm)

Approve Minutes from November 7, 2012

Changes/ Correction to minutes: Change LaCone to LaCombe, Remove LaCasse from Governance paragraph.

Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Muench, second Ms. Hildreth - unanimous vote

Project Reports

- Bayside Seating Project – Lisberger & DeWan Report

Meeting with Andrew Cocke of Skye Designs January 17 and the subcommittee Ron Spinella and Jonathan Taggart (Conservator) and will meet on the 24th.

- Lobster Man Report – Murtagh – Not in attendance

- Art in Our Frontyard Series / January 4th Mural at Expo – Cradock

Mr. Cradock will take the February 1st, 2013 event at the Portland Expo.

- “Tidal Moon” site redesign – By Tony Muench

Mr. Muench reported the lack of progress. Mr. DeWan raised concern about the funding by the Airport. Ms. Lisberger added to the discussion, a rough draft to complement the funding to hand over to the Airport. Mr. Muench will include an estimate with the rough sketches.

- **Civic Center wall art installation / January 10 meeting update – Lisberger**

Roberta Wright and Linda Boudreau are the contacts on the committee. Civic center must address the cement wall (mural site) 140 feet long and the space above it.

Ms. Hildreth asked for clarification on the site. Ms. Lisberger reported on the meeting about changing the location of where the mural would be. Ms. Lisberger reported that Linda Boudreau agreed to have the committee design a piece and the committee will find the funding. Next meeting will be January 29th with Donna McNeil from the Maine Arts Commission. There is opportunity for temporary art space site later January – Early February. Civic Center has requested no graffiti based works. Ms. Lisberger reported MECA's interest for next fall. Ms. Lisberger reported that this is a site for temporary work and the PPAC committee will consult.

Mr. Muench will consult and leave the funding efforts to the Civic Center.

MECA has shown great interest in this site. PPAC will help delineating the process for selecting the work.

Civic Center has requested PPAC's guidance for funding opportunities to fund this project. PPAC made clear that the Civic Center must come up with funding for the project.

- **Temporary Art Policy Guideline Committee Report – Hildreth**

Ms. Hildreth reported that the committee established the submission policy to be reviewed by Ted Musgrave. Mr. Musgrave will be in charge with making further contacts. PPAC will further discuss the process of selection and notification. Ms. Hildreth reported that this guideline is based on a Boston model. The guidelines stipulate that art can be exhibited up to a one year timeline. Ted Musgrave and Alice Spencer will be meeting with the Green space next week.

Ms. Stray-Gundersen spoke on behalf of the City's desire to have an internal review by the City before these guidelines are finalized. Ms. Stray-Gundersen asked if what next steps looked like in regards to a tentative guideline. Ms. Stray-Gundersen further discussed the internal review process by the Planning Board to assure the compliance with the City's guidelines.

- **Professional Development Subcommittee – Hildreth**

The committee had Kate Cox in attendance. Invitation will be made to a speaker from another city to discuss the process in hopes to gather a group.

Group will reach out to Daniel Fuller for recommendations. Speaker lecture/discussion would take place in the Spring of 2013.

Group will reach out in regards Funding- Nat May from SPACE and Daniel Fuller from the ICA and the director of Public Engagement at MECA, Elizabeth Jabar.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Communications Subcommittee – Lisberger and Golden**

- Internal contact list review

Ms. Stray-Gundersen or Ms. Charlot compile the final list. Ms. Lisberger will contact Mr. DeWan for update. Ms. Lisberger reported that the website will launch in May and that the NEFA conference will take place in June.

- **Web Site Update**

Ms. Lisberger extended the bid to Perch today. Ms. Lisberger asked about potential written information to go along with the images.

Ms. Lisberger outlined Perch's request to have one piece (image and blurb) to flush out the design function and layout.

Mr. Cradock added the details about the actual wire frame function of the site.

Ms. Lisberger asked for volunteers to write for the site Art in Our Frontyard will be included.

Ms. Golden asked about John Ford.

Ms. Lisberger said she will compile these stories for Drop Box.

Ms. Golden left the meeting at 4:41pm

Mr. Cradock will write about the mural and John Ford. Mr. Muench will take the fountain. Ms. Hildreth will take Lincoln Park.

- **Governance/Board Development Subcommittee**

Andy Versoza recommended Jessica Squire Routhier, Ms. Hildreth suggested Kate Cox. Ms. Lisberger asked for more recommendation for City Council review. Ms. Hildreth will be interview for reappointment in March. Ms. Lisberger and Ms. Hildreth will reach out to Kate Cox.

- **Sites Subcommittee – Muench**

Ms. LaCasse, Ms. Hildreth and Mr. Muench met and reported on the work done by to identify sites. Mr. Muench asked how these sites would be identified with man-made (cultural) factors in regards to land factors. Mr. Muench explained the cultural factors in detail. Mr. Muench will go on a site walk with a checklist including these factors to evaluate these sites. Mr. Muench discussed potential process to evaluate the Congress street Corridor as a system. Mr. Muench went into detail about how these factors have been developed. Site committee will meet next week.

The goal of the PPAC Site Committee is to identify sites, areas, and corridors for the installation of permanent and temporary art. We will develop a set of criteria to describe these sites which can be a working guide for artists, donors, etc. to use. The criteria would include the analysis of the hardscape, landscape, historical and aesthetic attributes of the spaces. We will collaborate with such groups as Greater Portland Landmarks, Portland Green Spaces, Parks Department, etc. We hope to expand our site evaluation to areas off the peninsula by working with neighborhood groups to access potential sites in their area using the established criteria. We are working to develop this information to go on the PPAC website to be used as a reference for artists interested in working with specific areas. In this way we hope to enable and encourage both permanent and temporary art in Portland.

Mr. Muench: discussed the past criteria used before this committee was convened. Mr. Muench explained the value of guidelines for the committee and artists. Ms. Lisberger raised concerns about how to take the temporary guidelines would overlap with these particular guidelines. Mr. Cradock asked about how recent these Boston guidelines are.

Ms. Lisberger referred to the PPAC binder to identify the current guidelines. Ms. Lisberger requested that Mr. Muench compare the current guidelines with the proposed temporary guidelines. Site committee will be compiled into a new TAB under subcommittee - "Purposes and Responsibilities"

Other Business

- Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 20th, 2013

- **India Street Project**

Ms. Stray-Gundersen – the City received a letter from the Water District in support Andrew Coffin's proposal.

Mr. Muench asked where funding for this project was coming from.

Ms. Lisberger reported that this project needs to contact to the India Street Neighborhood Association. Ms. Stray-Gundersen inquired about the proposed design and their location. Committee is requesting project designs for review.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20th, 2013

Meeting Adjourn at 5:11 pm