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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

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

Attendance:

Lin Lisberger, James Cradock, Terry DeWan, Jere DeWaters, Alison Hildreth, Julia Kirby, Tony Muench, Pandora LaCasse, Jessica Lipton, Councilor Marshall (Staff: Alex Jaegerman, Caitlin Cameron, Edwige Charlot)

Also in attendance: June LaCombe, Paul Bradbury (Jetport), Jay Sawyer, a member of the press (Carol McCracken from the Munjoy Hill News)

Call to Order

Approve Minutes with corrections from June 19, 2013

PROJECT REPORTS

- Jetport Loan Presentation with June LaCombe & Paul Bradbury

JUNE LACOMBE AND PAUL BRADBURY

The Jetport group used PPAC guidelines to select pieces from the Hamill collection. These four intimate pieces would be mounted onto pedestals for display. The selected pieces from the Hamill collection have been chosen for their materials, makers and their relationship to the sense of place of Portland, Maine. *Shorebird* sculpture will be incased in Plexiglas. Four pieces on pedestal will be displayed inside the Jetport. Each piece was sited based on light, current pieces, scale and weight.

In summary, the proposal began as an interior plan and has been revised with 'sense of place' and aviation. Ms. LaCombe hopes that the Salisbury pieces create continuity and reinforce the feel of an installation. Ms. Hildreth asked for clarification of *Beach Pea's* location. Ms. LaCasse asked about a distracting water hydrant near the site. Mr. Bradbury confirmed the feature and its purpose.

Mr. Bradbury and Ms. LaCombe considered pedestrian and vehicular interaction with these sited pieces. Ms. LaCasse asked about the site of the second bench. Mr. DeWan asked if the second bench sat on the ground. Mr. Bradbury confirmed and also mentioned dimensions of the second bench are the length of *Beach Pea* dimension + 2 ft. Ms. LaCasse "Will you try to orient the bench?" Ms. LaCombe, "No." Ms. LaCasse also questioned the size of the pedestal and the possibility of them intruding. "Is there an opportunity to allow for viewers to interact the grouped pieces?" Mr. DeWaters added, "It's a sculpture that would be weathered?" Ms. LaCasse "Is there an opportunity to have a large piece below or the wall?" Mr. Bradbury replied that it is not possible at the moment. Ms. Hildreth asked, "Is their flexibility in their location if once sited they could be moved?" Mr. Bradbury confirmed the possibility and in addition to a digital or print art walk of the pieces in the Jetport.

Lisberger asked for a projected timeline. Ms. LaCombe responded by saying the Hamill estate hopes to site the pieces in the fall. Ms. Lisberger informed Ms. LaCombe and Mr. Bradbury the committee will be reporting back.

Ms. LaCombe left at 4:21pm

Ms. LaCasse commented on the thoughtfulness of the Jetport proposal.

- CIVIC CENTER – UPDATE CAMERON

Ms. Cameron said to be on the lookout for an email from Ms. Wright to meet up for an update on the project. The Civic center will be updating the entire subcommittee at this time.

- LANGLAIS – LISBERGER

Ms. Lisberger confirmed the acquisitions from the Langlais estate: 6 Bird House heads and other two heads, acrobatic dogs, two giraffes and lion. The committee will not be receiving the bears. Ms. Lisberger added that all of the definite acquisitions will need to be sited by the committee. Ms. Cameron asked about the Children's Museum, Mr. Cradock asked about King middle school as potential sites. The Press asked how many pieces the committee will receive. Ms. Lisberger confirmed 8 pieces.

JAY SAWYER "Spirit of Its Own" PRESENTATION – DeWan AND Muench

Mr. DeWan presented some background on the selected piece. Mr. Muench and Mr. DeWan presented potential sites. Ms. Lisberger proposed another location at the Jetport. The committee discussed possible site and viewer interactions. The subcommittee will discuss next steps. "Spirit of Its Own" would be on permanent loan to the Jetport. The exterior pieces would be part of the public art collection. Mr. Jaegerman will look into the technicalities of which pieces are part of the collection.

Councilor Marshall, Mr. Bradbury and Mr. Sawyer left at 5:21pm

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND VOTE

Ms. Lipton asked, "Could the Jetport go ahead with this piece with or without the committee's approval?" Ms. Lisberger confirmed this piece would be adopted into the collection. The subcommittee will be walking the site to accept the site.

Committee made a motion to accept William Hamill Gift to the Committee's collection with the understanding that the site subcommittee will have the final say on the details of the siting. Motion by Cradock, vote 8 - 1 abstain

Ms. Cameron suggested that each proposal should first go before the site selection sub-committee and include a visual site plan for the sake of time and review.

- WEBSITE

Ms. Lisberger announced that site has launched. Lin asked the committee if they saw the article in the Bangor Daily News. Launch Party – Ms. Lipton reported party was cancelled. Ms. Lipton the party will be relocated to Deering Oaks in September. This event could be a possible fundraising opportunity. Ms. LaCasse's asked if there was an opposition to an indoor event. Committee discussed the pros and cons of an indoor versus outdoor event.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Relocation of the Cloud Couch

Ms. Lisberger asked if could the Sites committee or another member could propose 2-3 sites including the place across the street. Mr. Cradock agreed to take this task on.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

\$142,000 plus this year's allocation is the budget as it stands. Monies have been earmarked for conservation, community project. Mr. Jaegerman and Ms. Cameron will put an up to date budget for the committee. The City Council will need to approve this budget.

Committee moved to pass an agreement for monies to be into future plans; Ms. LaCasse made motion, Ms. Hildreth second. Discussion Ms. Lipton commented this motion might alienate the bench supporters; Ms. Kirby added that project scale would need to be revised. Vote (8-0)

GOVERNANCE/BOARD DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – LISBERGER

- Appoint Vice - Chair

Ms. Lisberger announced Ms. Charlot leaving the committee as the executive secretary. Ms. Cameron will record the decisions and attendance for future meetings.

- August appointments

Ms. Lisberger mentioned the need for new leadership. Committee will wait until new appointments are made to continue this discussion. Ms. LaCasse will step down from the committee while remaining on the sites committee, making two positions available. Ms. Lisberger asked any interested member from the committee speak to her or Mr. Jaegerman at a later date.

Ms. Kirby left at 6:05pm

- Communications Subcommittee report – Lisberger
 - Art in Our Front yard
 - DeWaters: Our Lady of Victories

Ms. Lisberger reported no attendance to the July event. Ms. Lisberger asked the committee to reconsider how the events are publicized and how the committee plans to handle future events. Mr. DeWaters reported on the weather and other competing events made it difficult to get attendance.

- Discussion - future events
- Press – Lisberger

Ms. Lisberger reported back on her meeting with Bob Keyes from the Portland Press Herald.

- Sites Subcommittee – Hildreth & Muench
 - Bayside Project – next steps **TABLED**

Other Business

- NEFA conference report – Cradock / Lipton

Mr. Cradock reported back on the NEFA conference and the breakout group led by Mr. Tim Honey.

Adjourned 6:08pm

Next Meeting Wednesday August 21, 2013