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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 15, 2012, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Portland Public Library

Attendance: Jim Craddock, Terry DeWan, Jere DeWaters, Peggy Golden, Alison Hildreth, Jessica Lipton, Lin Lisberger, David Marshall, Tony Muench (Jennifer Hutchins, staff)

Minutes Review

July minutes approved unanimously.

CONGRESS SQUARE

Ms. Lisberger reported on August 1 convening of the Congress Sq Redesign Task Force to vote on a recommendation to the City's Housing and Community Development Committee. Dr. DeWan testified at the event. The vote was to recommend keeping the square fully public and not compromising with the owners of the Eastland Hotel. One week later, the HCD Committee recognized the task force's recommendation. Since then, according to Mr. Marshall, the Eastland Hotel owners have notified the City that they plan to submit a new design.

Ms. Hildreth asked if it would be helpful for the Public Art Committee to make a statement to the City Council. Mr. Marshall recommended that the Committee is likely to be more effective as part of a larger group.

BAYSIDE SEATING

Ms. Lisberger reported that Skye Design has not come back yet with an adjusted budget. Mr. Marshall said that if they can't deliver the original product with original budget, then he would recommend that the Committee start over and not run up costs or alter the design. He also recommended that the Committee hire a project manager for this project, if it's been budgeted.

Ms. Lisberger moves that if there's money in the budget for a project manager for the Bayside Seating, that the Committee will solicit resumes to fill the position. Mr. DeWan seconded. All in favor.

Ms. Lisberger will check with Mr. Jaegerman to see if it's in the budget.

Mr. Marshall moved that the Committee doesn't want to see an escalation of project costs, a change in design or fabricators outside the US. Mr. Craddock seconded. All in favor.

ART IN OUR FRONT YARD

Mr. DeWan reported that the lecture at the Longfellow Square sculpture lasted about 30 minutes and was very well received. He wished the Committee had something to hand out to people.

The next one is Mr. Muench at Friday, September 7 at 5:30 at the Pullen Fountain. Committee members should remember to email descriptions and a photo to City PR manager Nicole Clegg.

SALISBURY INSTALLATION: "Tidal Moon"

Ms. Lisberger reported that it has been installed and looks lovely. The plaque has not been installed yet.

June Lacombe is hoping to have a reception sometime this fall.

WEBSITE

Ms. Lisberger reported that Mr. Craddock helped edit the RFP by adding certain specifics. Ms. Lisberger will also check to see if there's a budget for the project management of the website.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Golden said there's nothing to report. Ms. Lisberger asked Ms. Golden to contact Ms. Lacombe about the Salisbury reception.

Annual Report – Ms. Lisberger will make an appointment with Mr. Jaegerman to check on the status of the Annual Plan.

GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Lisberger said the Committee needs a plan to recruit new committee members.

Ms. Lisberger said the Fall retreat will be held during the October 17 meeting at Peloton Labs from 4 – 8 p.m. Ms. Lisberger will ask Mr. Jaegerman if it's possible to hire a facilitator.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Hildreth reported that she's found someone who could come talk about public art in the fall or late fall. She recommended that the Committee seek partnerships with other arts organizations to raise money or promotion assistance. She said Kate Cox has agreed to serve on this subcommittee. Ms. Hildreth will invite her to come to future Committee meetings.

SITES SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Hildreth reported that they will wait to report back at the September meeting. Mr. Craddock is interested in joining the group.

LOCATIONS MAP SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Hildreth said that Mr. Jaegerman has the map for corrections.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Lisberger said that there's a concrete wall upon which the Cumberland County Civic Center would like to paint a mural. Mr. Marshall suggested that the Committee reach out to ask that the Committee be part of the process. Mr. Marshall moved that the Committee express interest in partnering with anyone who gets involved in the project. Mr. DeWan seconded. All in favor. Ms. Lipton agree to email Mr. Jaegerman about the decision.

Ms. Lisberger asked the question if the Committee wants to consider a public art adornment policy. Committee agreed to postpone until a future meeting.

Ms. Lisberger said the location and care of the Langelais' Rhino in Gorham is no longer an issue since the University of Southern Maine has decided to take care of it and leave it in its location on campus.

Mr. Craddock has reserved a Facebook page. He will send a notice to the Committee. Ms. Golden requested an updated contact sheet for the Committee.

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2012

Adjourned at 5:14 pm.
Minutes by Jennifer Hutchins