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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2012, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Portland Public Library

Attendance: Jim Craddock, Terry DeWan, Jere DeWaters, Alison Hildreth, Jessica Lipton, Lin Lisberger, Pat Murtagh (staff : Alex Jaegerman, Jennifer Hutchins)

Minutes Review

Postpone August minutes' approval until October.

BAYSIDE SEATING

Mr. Jaegerman reported that a subcommittee, including himself, Mr. DeWan and Alice Spencer, reviewed the Skye Design. City had originally sent Skye a contract and they asked to go through design development before going to contract, so the subcommittee is dealing with design details like which type of wood and the logistics of construction. The final development will be somewhat different than the original, but largely the same. The expectation is that design development will continue through fall and installation will occur in the spring.

ART IN OUR FRONT YARD

Mr. Muench presented on September 7 at the Pullen Fountain. Ms. Hildreth said that it went well with about 25 people attending. Ms. Lisberger sent her art students who had good responses.

Ms. Hildreth will present at Lincoln Park Fountain on Friday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. DeWaters will be presenting at Boothby Square in November 2.

SALISBURY RECEPTION: "Tidal Moon"

Ms. Lisberger reported that June Lacombe was looking at November 2 as a possible date for the opening reception at the airport.

CIVIC CENTER WALL ART

Mr. Jaegerman needs to set up communication with the Civic Center team that's handling this. Ms. Lipton offered to be part of this project. Mr. Jaegerman will make the first contact.

WEBSITE

Mr. Jaegerman introduced his intern, Kirsten Stray-Gundersen, who will be disseminating the RFP. Ms. Lisberger, Ms. Murtagh, and Mr. Craddock agreed to be part of the selection committee. Mr. Jaegerman plans to get under contract by January 1 with a 3-4 month window for delivery.

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COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Lisberger said the Committee is working on the “Tidal Moon” reception as reported earlier. The subcommittee hasn’t met recently and new members are welcome to join.

GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Murtagh said one name has been forwarded to her and Ms. Lisberger, and encouraged committee members to start sending more as now is a good time to start assessing interest for next year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Hildreth reported that the subcommittee hasn’t met recently, but plans to once Ms. Lacasse is back in town. Committee shared various upcoming talks.

Ms. Lisberger mentioned an article in the *New York Times* about their public art program and encouraged the committee to read it.

SITES SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Hildreth said that the purpose of the subcommittee is to provide a blueprint of sites available for public art as well as recommendations for their use. She shared the description of the subcommittee with the full committee.

Mr. DeWaters mentioned their discussion about temporary public art and how that aligns with the Committee’s mission and purpose. Ms. Hildreth recommends that the Committee collaborate with other groups when there might be a temporary public art project or opportunity.

Ms. Hutchins will send an electronic copy of the draft subcommittee charge to the full Committee for review.

Mr. Jaegerman presented new copies of the site map including thumbnails of the Public Art Collection, and identified a correction for the Civil War Monument photo that needs to be made. Ms. Lisberger offered to take the correct photo and send it to Mr. Jaegerman, Ms. Hildreth and Mr. DeWaters.

Mr. Jaegerman will send the Tidal Moon photo to Ms. Hildreth and Mr. DeWaters so that it can be added to the Public Art Collection map and listing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Lisberger read the guidelines for community art and introduced artist Carole Hanson who attended to give a presentation about the Dragon Sculpture. Mr. Jaegerman said there is

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currently no Memorandum of Understanding. Ms. Murtagh asked if there was a discussion about what the MOU might look like. Mr. Jaegerman said that Ethan Boxer-Macomber requested an extension which was passed by the Committee, but the commitment from the community is lagging.

Ms. Hanson requests \$5,000 in funding from Committee to create and install the “Wings” addition to the granite Dragon Sculpture at the East End Community School.

Committee discussed the interest in moving forward and talked about how to advance the cause. Mr. Jaegerman suggests calling together a subcommittee and recruiting other community members to think through the aspects of the project. He said a second option would be to take it out of the “community art” category and consider moving it to an improvement project for existing public art.

Ms. Murtagh asked for volunteers to be part of a subcommittee to evaluate the site, look at the match requirements, and consider school/community partners. Ms. Lisberger recommended that a decision be made quickly. Ms. Hanson said there’s still a chance to install in November if the Committee funding is approved right away.

Mr. DeWan and Ms. Lisberger agreed to work on this and report back by October 19.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Ms. Murtagh asked the Committee to review the proposed purpose via hand-out. The Annual Workshop will take place instead of the regularly scheduled meeting. (A minutes’ approval and consideration of the Hanson project will be added to the end of the meeting). She said we hope to walk away with some kind of long-range vision, a list of 2013 projects, a list of art location opportunities, and enough information to prep the annual plan and budget to City Council.

Ms. Lisberger recommended that the Committee do some research and reading prior to the meeting so that conversations can be well informed.

DOCUMENTATION

Ms. Murtagh recommended that a DROPBOX location be utilized so that the Committee can share documents more easily.

NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2012

Adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes by Jennifer Hutchins