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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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

Attendance:

Lin Lisberger, Chair, James Cradock , Christopher Devlin, Corey Templeton (Staff: Caitlin Cameron)

Not in attendance: Jenna Crowder, Penny Harris, Alison Hildreth, Julia Kirby, Pandora LaCasse, Councilor Marshall, Tony Muench

Call to Order 4:01pm

Quorum not met.

Minutes from February 18, 2015 will have to be approved at April meeting.

Project Reports

Portland Brick:

Cameron updated the group that the Portland Brick project is still waiting for the contract with the artists to be completed. Cameron will check-in with Crowder regarding content review.

Langlais:

Remaining photos at the high schools still needed to finish Jetport posters – Lisberger and Templeton will schedule a time for that. Crowder was not present to update on the status. Discussion about printing costs and which method of printing to pursue. Cradock suggested using the higher quality print method. Committee would like a second quote from Grapheteria and more information about size options and costs. Templeton needs to send full size files to Crowder.

The bronze plaques were ordered and payment sorted. Lisberger needs to schedule with Jonathan Taggart to install those.

Collection Assessment:

Taggart agreed to create a new, updated assessment of the collection. Cameron will coordinate on schedule and contract situation.

Governance Subcommittee:

Annual Plan: The Plan and Budget were presented and adopted by the City Council on February 23, 2015.

Lisberger used the opportunity to lobby for funding for Congress Square.

Term Expiration: Three committee members' terms are expiring this month. Cameron will be in touch with the City Clerk on how to renew terms.

Communications Subcommittee:

Art in Our Front Yard: April 3 will be the first Art in Our Front Yard talk of the season at 5pm in the library for the Little Water Girl. The talk will be filmed as a sample for grant applications. April 13 is the grant deadline for the Maine Arts Commission. Lisberger will use Cameron as City contact. The grant is for up to \$5,000 – Lisberger needs quotes from the videographer, staff time, etc. to develop a budget. Kirby sent a newsletter and press release. The proposal is to do as many talks as possible in the summer.

Website: Cradock reported a bug on the administrative side of the website. He will add more pictures to the site when the bug is fixed. Traffic on the site is getting slower, proposes a script to have regular updates. Cameron offered that the City Twitter account may also be used for more announcements.

Sites Selection Subcommittee:

The Congress Square Art Selection Panel: There are three grants identified as possible funding sources related to Congress Square. Lisberger and LaCasse will meet to plan for the ArtWorks grant due in July.

Common Ground Gazebo: Discussion of possible relocation sites. Devlin asked what the protocol is for moving forward. Lisberger replied that PPAC would meet with the appropriate neighborhood group and coordinate the site and work with the Department of Public Services. A list of suggested sites includes: Lafayette Park as fire victims memorial, Woodford at Montrose, USM tulip green, sledding hill in Payson Park. Cameron suggested the PPAC reach out to the neighborhood associations for suggested locations. Lisberger will work with Cameron on this.

Puffin: The donation was accepted by City Council on February 23, 2015 and added to the collection. Lisberger met with Casco Bay Lines to look at sites within the ferry terminal building. Lisberger will send the Jetport guidelines for accepting artwork to Casco Bay Lines as a template. Lisberger is still waiting to hear whether the Casco Bay Lines board approved the site. There is a need to measure the light levels in the suggested location and consider whether the pigeons in the terminal could damage the work. City will send a letter to Ann Waldron regarding donation.

Other Business:

Temporary Art:

Portland did not get accepted to the next round of the Bloomberg Art Challenge.

PPAC is waiting for feedback on the PPAC for Temporary Art Guidelines for potential revisions.

Grants:

Kresge Foundation contacted PPAC with a grant opportunity – Lisberger is working with the representative from Kresge to understand whether the proposed education lecture series would be an eligible activity for this grant.

Adjourn at 5:05pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Caitlin Cameron