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Portland Public Art Committee

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

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

Attendance; Lin Lisberger, Chair, Julia Kirby, Vice-Chair, James Cradock, Jenna Crowder, Christopher Devlin, Penny Harris, Alison Hildreth, Pandora LaCasse, Tony Muench, Corey Templeton (Staff: Caitlin Cameron) Not in attendance: Councilor Duson, Tony Muench

Call to Order 4:02pm

Approve Minutes from March 16, 2016 with one correction. Hildreth, Crowder, unanimous (7-0) approval (Kirby, Devlin, Muench absent).

[4:05pm Kirby, Devlin arrive]

Project Reports

Collection Assessment: Cameron gave summary of draft RFP for the 2-year conservation contract. Hildreth asked when the person would be selected – Cameron answered deadline is May 12th. Kirby and Devlin will sit on selection committee.

Langlais: Kirby updated the Burbank Library still under renovation, the new space will have a specific location designed for the relief – the staff came to look at the work to better plan for it.

Art Underfoot: The bronzes were delivered to Lisberger but the patina does not match the originals. Lisberger added that Patrick O'Brien, who cast the originals, recently died and a memorial brick is proposed. Crowder added the family has offered to help pay for a brick and revised sign. Devlin asked what the content and material of the memorial brick would be. Lisberger thinks the brick would be in-lieu of changing the sign. LaCasse suggested the plaque should acknowledge the memorial. The Committee voted to recommend a subcommittee be created to guide the memorial creation [LaCasse, Duson 9-0 approved]. Devlin asked whether the Committee would become responsible for maintaining the brick. Not a clear answer; there are some memorials on public property that are not in the collection. Lisberger mentioned the need to schedule the install with Department of Public Works.

Portland Brick: Lisberger updated the bricks are fabricated but not delivered. Did the contract include how the money will be divided? No. David Margolis-Pinneo will confirm delivery and also confirmed the plaque can be installed flush with the sidewalk. Once the bricks are installed, the subcommittee will determine sign location.

[4:10pm Devlin arrives]

Gazebo: The committee is waiting for the three quotes to be updated and confirmed for the repair work. Lisberger asked the committee how much they are willing to spend on this project. The amount in the approved budget is \$3,000. LaCasse asked for clarification on whether PPAC also has to pay for the relocation. Cameron said DPW has the option of invoicing PPAC for their labor but their intentions are not known on that topic. Hildreth asked whether the committee should consider removing the gazebo from the collection rather than repair it. LaCasse suggested that it could be given to the Friends of Payson Park if there is a desire not to destroy it. Kirby agreed that it would be an ongoing cost of maintenance to consider. Cradock suggested approaching the Friends of Payson Park first for interest before making a decision. Cradock agreed to share contact information with Lisberger.

Room 24: Templeton reviewed images under consideration for this project. Kirby contributed some historical images for consideration. Templeton confirmed that up to 15 photographs could fit in the space. Lisberger suggested adding another Langlais image and asked whether there should be up to 20 images to allow rotation. Kirby suggested using First Friday as an opportunity to bring attention to the project. Crowder can provide printer recommendations. LaCasse asked whether the wall could be painted a different color. There was a proposal to go look at the room after the meeting to assess. Templeton will put the final selection in the dropbox for review. Kirby will ask about rights to the historical photos and whether there are images of the Little Water Girl.

Maintenance: The sign and plinth needs to be replaced at Longfellow monument. This will be a coordination with DPW, Historic Preservation, Hildreth and staff.

Loring Memorial: Staff reported on damage to Loring Memorial – the original granite supplier will provide an estimate. The insurance of the responsible party will be pursued first but the PPAC contingency funds may have to be used for part of this replacement/repair. Hildreth asked what the potential cost will be. Cameron doesn't know, yet. LaCasse asked whether the City has any granite pieces that could be used. Devlin asked whether the artist needs to be involved. Todd Richardson's firm was responsible for the design – Cameron will ask if there are any others who need to be consulted. LaCasse asked whether the site has been cleaned up. Cradock asked what the timeline is. Lisberger asked who paid for the original memorial.

Woodfords Corner: Cameron and Lisberger proposed hiring artist Aaron Stephan to complete the light cluster as part of the streetscape design. This would allow the project to use public art funds for this component of the streetscape improvements. The City Manager will need to sign off on this proposal as a sole source situation.

Subcommittee Reports

Governance Subcommittee: Three members are up for renewal. Crowder to call City Clerk for more info – did not receive information in the mail. All three, Crowder, Kirby, and Hildreth will renew. Chair and Vice-Chair positions should go through an annual election process. Kirby volunteered to take over as Chair when transition is needed. Lisberger is proposing revisions to the guidelines and City purchasing rules to clarify what public art artist selection process can be. Devlin and Hildreth volunteer to work on this. The revisions would appear in the next annual plan for Council approval.

Communication Subcommittee:

Website: Cradock added an Instagram account for the Portland Public Art Committee. Tag pictures with #portlandME. Cameron will work with Cradock to implement the changes proposed to the website hosting and Vimeo account. Cradock will get video files from CTN. Templeton requested administrative access to the site. Lisberger asked whether the Temporary Art section was added to the site.

Site Selection Subcommittee:

The Congress Square Art Selection: The subcommittee is still in the review process. Four design teams were announced as finalists for the design RFQ.

Puffin: Kirby asked whether the committee wants a reception or simply press about the Puffin installation. Kirby will create a press release. Reception will be May 6th at 3:30pm.

[LaCasse leaves at 5:30pm]

Other Business

Temporary Art: The TEMPO application and Welcome New Mainers application were both approved.

Electrical Box Murals: Kirby and Devlin will coordinate with the organizer.

Adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Caitlin Cameron