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Portland Public Art Committee

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Portland Public Library, Room 2

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

Call to Order 4:02pm

Approve Minutes from April 20, 2016. LaCasse, Hildreth, unanimous (8-0) approval (Cradock, Devlin, Harris absent).

Project Reports

Collection Assessment: Cameron announced that only one bid proposal was received for the 2-year conservation contract. Jonathan Taggart's proposal was reviewed and accepted and will be hired for the contract.

Langlais: Kirby updated the Burbank Library still under renovation. Lisberger is collecting estimates for lighting design and installation for Puffin. The first quote was for \$500 to design/install and the second quote was for \$500 for design/no install. The biggest distinction between the two is the proposal – downlight vs. uplight. The committee decided it would prefer the downlight strategy. Devlin asked where the lights would be mounted. LaCasse suggested the committee ask whether there is a staff electrician at Casco Bay Lines. Kirby asked whether all Langlais installations should be lit. The response was that the schools and libraries are not open at night. The bear in Ocean Gateway could be lit.

[Harris arrives at 4:17pm]

Art Underfoot: No update on the memorial. Lisberger did get the replacement bricks patinaed and will send the invoice (\$75).

Portland Brick: Lisberger picked up the corrected plaque. All bricks are now installed except at the Abyssinian church which are being redone. Templeton started taking pictures of the work.

Gazebo: Cameron reported that the deaccession of the gazebo is on the 6/6/16 Council agenda. If the city cannot remove, the committee may need to hire a contractor to do the work.

Maintenance: Lisberger and Cameron will coordinate sign relocation with Jeff Tarling. LaCasse suggested that temporary art permits should also stipulate sign placement for maintenance and mowing reasons.

Loring Memorial: Staff is waiting for contract to be executed to complete this repair.

Glimpse Theft: Porcupine has not been found. Lisberger searched around site but did not find the sculpture. Committee will need to discuss whether to replace.

Room 24: Cameron needs the estimates in order to approach the City Manager with a request to pay for the project. Kirby has two quotes from Casco Bay Frames and Artist and Craftsman and Lisberger has one quote from Hunts. Lisberger will get an additional quote from Maine Photo Works. Muench will also get one more quote.

Woodfords Corner: Cameron and Lisberger will attend the public meeting on June 1st at Woodfords Church to discuss the public art proposal. Lisberger has heard from several in the artist community that would like to attend and speak in favor of the proposal. Harris has heard discord in the neighborhood about how money is spent. Hildreth suggested showing examples of public art in urban plazas. LaCasse suggested it's an opportunity to express the committee's interest in working with the community. Cameron will send the flyer to the committee. Duson will not be able to attend but advised the committee continue to express its excitement for this opportunity. Harris suggested that having committee members there and explaining what the committee does would be helpful.

Subcommittee Reports

Governance Subcommittee: Three members, Crowder, Kirby, and Hildreth will renew terms on June 6th.

Communication Subcommittee:

Website: Lisberger updated some of the website photos and the collection list.

Site Selection Subcommittee:

The Congress Square Art Selection: The subcommittee is still in the review process; the committee will meet June 13th to select finalists. The project also received an NEA Our Town grant for \$25,000 and a Quimby Family Foundation grant for \$5,000. The design team was selected but announcement is not public, yet. Hildreth added that there will be a public forum for the artists but that the panel needs to find that date soon. Muench stated that the design teams interviewed stated interest in being involved in the artist selection – perhaps they should be invited to the presentations. Crowder asked would the public presentation be before the July PPAC meeting? Yes, ideally it would be in July with an August Council date.

Other Business

Little Water Girl Request: There is a renewed request from Evanston Illinois to use the mold to cast a new sculpture. The committee reviewed the materials submitted and chose to defer the decision in order to receive additional information.

[Harris leaves 5:48pm]

Lincoln Middle School Request: There is a request for either funding or to accept two presidential statues into the collection for conservation. Muench asked whether the statues were rare or of special value? Cameron stated that CIP money could not go towards this project unless the statues were a part of the collection; the committee would have to use its donation fund in this case. Kirby stated this was a good opportunity for the students to take the initiative to raise the money themselves. Devlin agreed that the kids could really get involved. The committee agreed they would not be likely to accept these as gifts. Lisberger will contact the school.

Temporary Art: *The American Dream* will be unveiled on June 3rd in Lincoln Park. *Icelandx207* was approved.

Electrical Box Competition: The call for artists will go out soon. PPAC members are on the jury and advising on the project.

Annual Dinner followed meeting.

Adjourn at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Caitlin Cameron