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Caitlin Cameron, Urban Designer

Portland Public Art Committee
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
4:00-6:00pm, Portland Public Library, Room 3

Motion made to accept the changes to the public art guidelines with two changes. LaCasse, Batson unanimous (9-0) approval

Attendance: Lin Lisberger, Chair, Brian Batson, City Councilor, James Cradock, Jenna Crowder, Christopher Devlin, Penny Harris, Alison Hildreth, Pandora LaCasse, Corey Templeton. Members of the public: Michelle Perejda, Lindsay Stone. Not in attendance, Julia Kirby, Tony Muench, Caitlin Cameron

Call to order 4:00pm

Approve minutes from November 16, 2016. Cradock, Hildreth unanimous (5-0) approval

Introduction of new Council member, Brian Batson

Project Reports

Langlais: Lisberger reported that the three estimates for the framing of the Peaks Island School reliefs have been submitted. Hildreth offered to help with the final arrangement of the pieces in the frame.

(4:08 Templeton arrives, 4:12 Harris arrives)

Art in Our Front Yard: Cradock reports that he now has the videos on a flash drive of various talks to upload to the website.

Art Underfoot: Crowder has not seen any designs but will contact the MECA person early in January. Currently a bronze pouring is scheduled for late January.

Maintenance/Conservation: Lisberger gave an update on the work Jonathan Taggart is doing including the removal of the Lincoln Park Fountain for restoration at Taggart's studio.

Congress Square: LaCasse and Hildreth reported on the December 15 meeting (Crowder, Harris, Devlin, Lisberger, LaCasse, Hildreth and Templeton had attended) and the follow-up phone conversations with Sarah Sze. They also noted that they will be visiting Sze at her studio in New York early in the new year.

Subcommittee Reports

Governance Committee:

Public Art Guidelines changes: The committee spent a fair amount of time discussing changes to the guidelines and decided to accept them with the changes of removing the “though the PPAC may present progress to the Council in workshop when appropriate” in the introduction, and “well before (and)” in the Temporary Art Guidelines Application Process. The word “ideally” remains in that sentence.

Public Art Ordinance: The group discussed the ordinance changes and would like to accept the changes, but was also interested (Crowder) in adding more possibilities for what is defined as acceptable art in section 14-852(a). These ideas included digital art and sound. The decision was to table the vote until Cameron could be consulted on this.

The committee felt strongly that meeting in a public place should continue. Assessment of whether to begin meeting at the new Creative Portland office should be put off until the office is up and running and we can see what the meeting space is like.

Communications Committee:

There was a decision to make notecards with 12 of Templeton’s images including one with the Lincoln Park Fountain that can be used specifically for fund raising for that project. Lisberger, Templeton and Crowder are working on this.

Cradock reported on the updates to the website and that it has been moved to its own server, and Michelle Perejda commented that it isn’t as clear as it could be on mobile devices. Cradock feels that can be remedied now that we have more complete control of the website.

Site Selection Committee:

The committee agreed that it would be best for Jaime Parker and the other East Bayside groups to move forward with some art on the Anderson Street site, but to site it on private land so that it can move forward more quickly and might not have to last 20-25 years.

Other Business:

None discussed

Annual Plan and Budget:

The annual plan was discussed and the committee felt that the five-year goals as stated meet the discussions and decisions of the strategic plan. There was a consensus that we must move forward with the goals and strategies laid out in our planning session.

The budget was also accepted although LaCasse was curious whether we are committed to spending a full \$15,000 on conservation for the Jewel Box Bus Shelter if it turns out not to cost that much, or can we use leftovers (if there are any) for other projects. There was also a concern (LaCasse) that there is no money in the FY 2018 budget for the Amethyst Street park public art.

We did not have an official vote accepting the Annual Plan and Budget.

Cradock left at 5:15, Devlin left at 5:30

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45