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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

4:00 PM Portland Public Library, Room 3

1. Zoom Meeting Information

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2. Call to Order

- Roll call
- November 15, 2023 meeting minutes

3. Staff Updates

- Report of decisions at the meeting held on November 15, 2023
- Public art fund balance
- Tidal Moon incident report

4. Project Reports

- **Congress Square Park (Cole, Cook, Hancock, Whipple):**
 1. No updates
- **Gathering Stones (Cole, Hancock):**
 1. No updates.
- **Passing the Torch (Zagaria):**
 1. On-call electrical companies contacted to provide a service quote for materials and labor for the 5 observed LED light fixture outages.
- **Conservation Projects – ACTIVE (Berke, Cole):**
 1. Jewell Box glass replacement
 - Staff received quote from Port City Glass to replace two tempered glass panels at \$611.95/ each (total \$1,223.90)
 2. Playing Bears
 - Staff requested quote from Tuckerbrook Conservation LLC to repair three claws and right foot.
 - Taggart Objects Conservation quoted \$1,400 to replace missing claws and repair damaged paw.
 3. Pullen fountain
 - Taggart Objects Conservation quoted \$1,400 to repair bronze drain fitting, ongoing staining, wax protection to plaque, and mortar appearance.
 4. “Czar Reed”, Miller statue
 - Taggart Objects Conservation quoted \$1,500 to apply wax protection coating
 5. The Hiker, Kitson statue
 - Taggart Objects Conservation quoted \$1,300 to apply wax protection coating

5. Subcommittee Reports

- **Governance/Board Development Subcommittee (Berke, Dennehy)**
 1. Chairs to provide an update
- **Acquisitions (Formerly “Gifts”) Subcommittee (Cole, Zagaria, Hrenko)**
 1. Libbytown Neighborhood Association - Maine Med community art grant at Lowell Street Park.
 2. Gift application template for future donations
- **Communications Subcommittee (Cook, Cole, Motter)**

1. Subcommittee members to share updates.
2. Create a shared digital folder for committee reference files.

- **Collection Management (Formerly “Site Selection”) Subcommittee (Berke, Cook, Dennehy, Hancock, Lipton, Zagaria)**

1. Potential site location consideration for Portland Homeless Service Center at 654 Riverside Street

6. Other Business

- **East Bayside mural project**

- Existing mural removal

- Taggart Objects Conservation quoted \$3,000 to test and evaluate removal process. Committee updates

- **Temporary art**

- *Oysters in the Park* by Friends of Congress Square Park removed

7. Public Comment

8. Meeting Adjourns

Next Meeting - January 17, 2024, 4:00 pm



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1. Call to Order

- Roll call
Present – Anna Berke, Sharon Dennehy, Kat Zagaria, Phoebe Cole, Kelly Hrenko, Stephanie Motter, John Whipple, Gillian Cook, Lindsay Hancock, Jess Lipton
Absent - Victoria Pelletier.
- October 18, 2023 meeting minutes
Motion to approve – Cole. Second - Cook

2. Staff Updates

- Report of decisions at the meeting held on October 18, 2023
- Public art fund balance
- Charles Loring Memorial granite post replacement
Committee deliberated on relocation of damaged granite posts, Staff to organize a meeting with Loring family and landscape architect to review alternative location of granite memorial post.
Suggest that Staff reach out to Jesse Salisbury for an installation quote.

3. Project Reports

- **Congress Square Park (Cook):**
 - City to finalize contract amendment #3 with Sarah Sze Studio and MOU with Friends of Congress Square Park.
 - The public art committee to organize a subcommittee that will provide updates on phase 2 artwork construction documents.
Committee recommended Staff to share documents with subcommittee in preparation to coordination meetings with Artist
- **Gathering Stones (Hancock, Cole):**
 - Artist Jesse Salisbury provided maintenance recommendations and costs for future committee consideration.
Committee member Cole recommended occasional maintenance as required, adding the Artist should not be responsible to provide maintenance for the sculptures
- **Passing the Torch (Zagaria):**
 - Invoice paid for installation on October 26, 2023.
Committee member Zagaria shared appreciation for Burr Sign and Artist Jesse Salisbury installation, adding that a standardized plaque to include braille would be a valuable addition to future signage
- **Conservation Projects – ACTIVE (Berke, Cole):**
 - Jewell Box glass replacement – Emergency glass repair
Committee members suggested alternative quotes for glass replacement, Staff to facilitate
 - Staff tasked with alternatives to Portland Glass quote for additional glass panels

4. Subcommittee Reports

- **Governance/Board Development Subcommittee (Berke, Dennehy)**
 - FY23 annual report and FY24 Budget.
Motion to accept FY23 annual report and FY24 budget with the inclusion of conservation project for the Charles J. Loring Memorial granite post replacement. (Whipple). Second – Dennehy Vote- Approved unanimously (10-0, Absent – Pelletier). Next steps is City Council read and vote
- **Acquisitions (Formerly “Gifts”) Subcommittee (Cole, Zagaria, Hrenko)**
 - Libbytown Neighborhood Association - Maine Med community art grant at Lowell Street Park.
No updates
 - Create a gift application for future donations
Subcommittee members began to format application to process future gifts of public art
- **Communications Subcommittee (Cook, Cole, Motter)**
 - Subcommittee members to share updates.
 - Create a shared digital folder for committee reference files.
Subcommittee members shared that a Google business account must be setup that may have cost implications, exact costs to be shared with Staff.
- **Collection Management (Formerly “Site Selection”) Subcommittee (Berke, Cook, Dennehy, Hancock, Lipton, Zagaria)**
 - Potential site location consideration for Portland Homeless Service Center at 654 Riverside Street
No update

5. Other Business

- East Bayside mural project – Meeting with City Staff on November 15, 2023

Committee members Dennehy, Hrenko, Whipple met with Staff and Parks Director at 90 Anderson Street. Next steps include a conservator quote to remove mural and future engagement with community groups plus possible partnership with Creative Portland.

- Temporary art

- *Oysters in the Park* by Friends of Congress Square Park installed, opening event held November 3, 2023.

No update

6. Public comment

No public comment

7. Meeting adjourns

Committee meeting ends at 5:40pm

Next Meeting – December 20, 2023 at 4pm

FY24 - Proposed Budget (July 2023-June 2024)

TOTAL PPAC Balance		
A	Total Balance (includes FY24)	\$ 354,584.31
B	Total Encumbrances	\$ 202,172.00
C	Remaining Balance	\$ 152,412.31

Remaining Encumbrances from approved budget plans			
	Activity	Description	Budget
A	Congress Square Public Art	New Commission - Sarah Sze artist	\$ 176,000.00
B	Bramhall Square Artwork	New Commission - Chris Miller artist	\$ 26,172.00
C	Conservation Armillary	Conservation and Maintenance	\$ 15,500.00
	Total Encumbered		\$ 202,172.00

FY24 - Proposed Budget Breakdown				
	Activity	Description	Proposed Budget	Current FY23 Budget Balance
A	Conservation and Maintenance	To cover routine maintenance, priority conservation items	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
B	Contingency Fund	To cover repairs, theft, relocation, Community Art grant, plaque purchase, etc.	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,332.33
C	New Artwork	New acquisition + install:	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000.00
	Total FY23 Budget		\$ 50,000	\$ 47,332.33

FY24 Expenses	Funding Source	Total (PAID)	Project Notes
Burr Signs	FY24 Contingency	\$ 611.38	Passing the Torch Plaques (Qt.)2
Passing the Torch sign install	FY24 Contingency	\$ 250.00	Jesse Salisbury
Portland Glass replacement	FY24 Contingency	\$ 1,806.29	Jewell Box emergency repair
Conservation Armillary	FY22-FY23 Conservation	\$ 15,500.00	Encumbered funds for Armillary conservation

Portland International Jetport

City of Portland Operations Incident Report



DATE: 12/7/2023

TIME: 1145

REPORT #: 2702

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Vehicle collision with damage to city property

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AIRCRAFT MAKE/MODEL: N/A
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: N/A
DEPARTURE AIRPORT:

REGISTRATION: N/A
FUEL: N/A
SCHEDULED DESTINATION:

FLIGHT #: N/A
SOULS ON BOARD: N/A

Incident Details:

At the above date and time, Jetport Operations was made aware of a minor vehicle collision in front of baggage claim. 60 and Ops 1 (M Kotarski) initially responded followed shortly after by PPD and PFD (ARFF).

Based on CCTV review it appears that a van operated by [REDACTED] stopped and attempted to cut around a vehicle that was blocking a lane. Doing so, [REDACTED] appeared to lose situational awareness and drove into a stone sculpture (See photo).

[REDACTED] was evaluated by PFD and declined treatment of any kind. There was no evidence of any damage requiring immediate repairs, per 60 City of Portland Public Art will be notified.

Reference PPD report 23-06481 for further details.



INCIDENT CLEAR TIME: 1215

PHOTOGRAPHS ATTACHED: 2
REPORTED BY: MAK

12-12-2023

City of Portland Maine, Public Art Committee
Sean King, Urban
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Sean, below is a quick draft of a work proposal for 2024. Is this sufficient for your needs or do you need something with more detail? Do you need me to make changes or modifications? Once you have reviewed it I will make changes as necessary and send you a final version.

Jonathan

DRAFT
TREATMENT PROPOSALS
2024 WORK PLAN

Pullen Fountain: There is a problem with the drain in the central bowl. It appears that the adhesive holding the bronze drain fitting in place has failed allowing the water to escape and preventing the pool to fill to the proper height. In addition, there is iron staining from water running over the granite under the spouts. The staining will be reduced using a ferrous stain remover. The plaque's protective coating will be renewed by the application of hot wax. The mortar patches will be toned to approximate the appearance of the granite. Missing mortar in the joints between the granite blocks will be replaced as needed. Estimate cost: \$1,400.

Playing Bears, Langlais: There are several missing claws that need to be carved, attached to the bears, and painted. The treatment will approximate the recommendations of Hannah Blunt of the Langlais Art Preserve. There are some damaged areas associated with the missing claws that will be filled and inpainted. Estimated Cost: \$1400.

"Czar Reed", Miller: The wax protective coating is breaking down on the upper surfaces. The protective coating will be renewed by the application of hot wax. This is regular maintenance that should be scheduled for every 4 to 5 years. Estimated Cost: \$1,500

The Hiker, Kitson: The hot wax protective coating is breaking down. The protective coating will be renewed. The sculpture will be washed and re-waxed by the application of hot wax. This is regular maintenance that should be scheduled for every 4 to 5 years. Estimated Cost: \$1,300

Hope, Try, Work, Dream, Schoultz: Methods for effectively removing the mural and protective coating will be tested and evaluated. This may include the use of high pressure water, air abrasive cleaning, and/ or chemical paint strippers. The work will be done in coordination with the City. Time is included for administration, and coordination with the city. The results of this testing will be used to estimate the costs of removal of the entire mural. Estimated Cost: \$3,000.