



PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

4:00 PM Online Meeting Via Zoom

1. Zoom Meeting Information

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2. Call to Order

- Roll call
- November 20, 2024 meeting minutes

3. Governance/Board Development (Berke, Dennehy)

- A. Committee chairs to introduce Creative Portland appointee, Ronnie Wilson.
- B. City Councilor appointee to the public art committee.

4. Staff Updates

- A. Report of decisions at the meeting held on November 20, 2024
 1. Approval to purchase plaque for Acrobatic Dogs - \$332.40
 2. Approval to purchase in-ground lights from Delta for various public artwork conservation projects - \$2,838.14
- B. Public art fund balance - Added approved public art encumbrances into FY25 budget
- C. Portland Harbor Commons
 1. A new park along the City's Easter Waterfront, located at India Street and Commercial Street
- D. Amethyst lot site location for Community at grant proposal

5. Project Reports

A. Community art grant

1. Peace Action Maine & artist Stephen Oliver.

The Portland public art committee is request to review the community art grant proposal entitled *ASTRAGAL*, a small faceted columnar sculpture intended to promote Peace individually and collectively. The sculpture's inspiration came from Peace Action Maine's desire to express a long-term commitment to fostering peace, by the International Peace Pole Movement, and to honor the legacy of former board member Tina Malcolmson.

B. Sarah Sze artwork in Congress Square Park (Cole, Hancock, Whipple):

1. Subcommittee updates and coordination with the Congress Square Redesign Capital Campaign Committee. No updates

C. Conservation Projects – ACTIVE

1. Jewell Box – Staff recommends further consideration to modify the artwork that promotes greater safety and longevity (potential options may include lighting for greater nighttime visibility, addition of glass film as sacrificial layer to address ongoing graffiti and bench modification).
2. Passing the Torch – Staff has requested the LED bulb replacement estimate from on-call electrical company that previously replaced the stem light fixtures.
3. Rustle Diptych II – Staff to proceed with purchase of inground lighting fixtures from Delta. Staff has requested a revised estimate from on-call electrical company to install new fixtures.
4. Langlais Birdhouse Heads – Staff requested a conservation quote from Tuckerbrook Conservation LLC for the minor vandalism of one Birdhouse Head at Deering High School. No updates.
5. Langlais Acrobatic Dogs – Staff received fabricated plaque and is in coordination with Jetport operations staff to assist with install.
6. Portland Bricks – Committee members and Staff met with artist Ayumi Horie regarding the lost Portland Bricks during the Congress Street brick sidewalk replacement project. Artist to provide quote for missing bricks and schedule. No updates
7. East Bayside mural (Dennehy) – Committee member Sharon Dennehy provide an analysis of the mural removal with dimensions and product recommendations. Staff in coordination with Parks Recreation and Facilities department to determine next steps. No updates.

6. Subcommittee Reports

Acquisitions (Formerly "Gifts") Subcommittee (Cole, Zagaria, Hrenko)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates.
2. Gift Inquiry form from Alice Spencer. Committee mbmers in coordination with donor.

Communications Subcommittee (Motter, Berke, Gibbs)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates.

Collection Management (Formerly "Site Selection") Subcommittee (Dennehy, Gibbs, Berke, Hancock, Zagaria)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates. Potential site selection updates.
2. Conservation assessment proposal for FY25.

7. Other Business

8. Public Comment

9. Meeting Adjourns

Next Meeting - January 15, 2025