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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
4:00 PM Room 209, 2nd Floor of City Hall and Zoom

1. Zoom Meeting Information

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2. Call to Order (Berke)

Roll call (King)
August 20, 2025 meeting minutes

3. Public Comment

4. Staff Communications (King)

1. Public art fund balance – No updates or invoices paid since last meeting on August 20, 2025
2. Encumbrances for new acquisitions of public art – No updates

5. Unfinished Business

VOTING ITEM: Conservation assessment proposal for FY25. The Committee is requested to review two proposals for the conservation assessment of the City's public art collection. Staff has prepared some background material for the Committee's consideration.

Tuckerbrook Conservation

1. Ron Harvey of Tuckerbrook Conservation, LLC offers conservation consulting, treatment, teaching, management and assessment of collection care. Consulting and treatment of archaeological, ethnographic, fine art objects, outdoor sculpture, zinc sculpture, storage, long-term preservation, collection handling, lecturing, preservation workshops, conservation assessments and teaching. With forty-eight years of experience.
2. Ron Harvey has performed restoration on the City's collection by artist Bernard Langlais in 2024 and has provided guidance for future maintenance for consideration by the Committee.
3. Current proposal outlines 9-10 days to complete at \$1,200/day for an estimate of \$10,800 but not exceed \$12,000.

Taggart Objects Conservation

1. Jonathan Taggart of Taggart Objects Conservation, located in New Georgetown, Maine, has provided conservation assessment, restoration and maintenance for the Portland public art committee since 2001. Previous conservation assessments have outlined priorities for public artwork conservation to preserve the longevity of the City's Collection.
2. Previous conservation assessment was completed on July 29, 2021 with an associated cost of \$8,630.
3. Current proposal outlines 8 days, based on \$150 per hour for an estimated cost of \$11,576.

6. New Business and Subcommittee Reports

Governance/Board Development (Berke, Dennehy)

1. VOTING ITEM: Annual plan report FY25 & Proposed Budget FY26 - Final Draft. The committee is requested to review and vote with a recommendation ahead of the City Council agenda request.

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

1. Subcommittee members to share updates.

Communications Subcommittee (Mottet, Berke, Gibbs)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates.

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

1. Subcommittee members to share updates.

7. Project Reports

Conservation Projects - No priority projects

Maintenance Projects

1. VOTING ITEM: Rustle Diptych II - Staff to provide updates to install conduit and in ground light fixtures in September based on current quote by Casco Bay Electric and Excavation work by the City of Portland. The Committee is requested to review the updated proposal and vote with a recommendation.
2. Portland Bricks (Dennehy, Gibbs) - Staff or Committee members to share any updates from artist Ayumi Horie.

Harbor Common - Committee members Berke, Cole, Dennehy, Levesque & Zagaria make up a subcommittee to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) with City Staff for a potential new acquisition located within the future park on the Eastern Waterfront.

8. Other Business

9. Meeting Adjourns

Next Meeting - October 15, 2025