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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

4:00 PM Hybrid Meeting (State of Maine Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall or online via Zoom)

1. Zoom Meeting Information

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2. Call to Order

- * Roll Call
- * Minutes from January 21, 2025 meeting (see Attachment)

3. Staff Communication

A. Public Art Program

Presenter: Sean King

1. Public art fund - contingency funds for emergency repair at Jewel Box (see attachment)

2. Conservation assessment FY26

B. Encumbrances for new acquisitions of public art: no updates

Presenter: Sean King

4. Subcommittee Reports

A. Governance/Board Development (Zagaria, Buckley, Dennehy)

1. Committee chair updates

2. Committee member feedback for FY26 annual plan and proposed budget FY27

B. Acquisitions Subcommittee (Cole, Hrenko, Zagaria)

1. Subcommittee member updates

2. Gift updates from Judith Kendrick and Jim DiBiase

C. Communications Subcommittee (Motter, Berke)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates

D. Collection Management Subcommittee (Dennehy, Berke, Zagaria, Buckley)

1. Subcommittee member updates

2. Jewel Box - staff gathering information from other departments, expenditures to date and comparison with other bus shelters along Congress Street

5. Project Reports

A. Portland Harbor Common new acquisition subcommittee (Dennehy, Cole, Levesque & Zagaria)

1. Subcommittee member updates.

6. Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items

7. Other Business

8. Meeting Adjourns

Next Meeting - March 18, 2026



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January 21, 2026 **MINUTES**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. HYBRID (in person or online via Zoom link)

City Hall – State of Maine (2nd floor), 389 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101

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1. Call to Order

- Roll call
 - **Committee members present – Berke, Zagaria Buckley, Cole, Dennehy, Gibbs, Hrenko, Levesque, Motter, Wilson; Committee members absent – Michniewicz, Whipple**
- Minutes from November 19, 2025 meeting. *(See Attachment)*.
 - **Motion to approve (Berke), Second (Dennehy), All approved by a show of hands**

2. Staff Communication (No public comment will be taken)

A. Public Art Program

Presenter: Sean King

1. Public art fund - Reduction of \$3,505.60 for Jewel Box. *(See Attachment)*.
2. John Ford sculpture and granite post relocation. **Committee to reflect relocation recommendation into FY26 annual plan**
3. Conservation assessment FY26. **Staff is working with Tuckerbrook Conservation LLC on**

contract.

4. Schedule of meeting in 2026. *(See Attachment)*.
5. Committee member term expiration and renomination deadline. **City Clerk to begin renominations during May 2026.**

B. Encumbrances for new acquisitions of public art: No updates
Presenter: Sean King

C. Collection updates
Presenter: Sean King

~~1. John Ford sculpture and granite post relocation.~~

~~2. Conservation assessment FY26.~~

3. Subcommittee Reports *(No public comment will be taken)*

A. Governance/Board Development (Berke, Dennehy)

1. Committee chair declaration. **Chair Berke to resign as Chair, recommends Kat Zagaria-Buckley as a replacement. Dennehy makes a motion for Kat Zagaria-Buckley to chair the PPAC, Gibbs (seconds). Roll call vote (9-0 approve, Michniewicz, Whipple absent).**
2. Preparation of FY26 Annual Plan & Proposed budget FY27. *(See Attachment)*. **Chair Berke request subcommittee accomplishments and goals to inform the annual plan.**

B. Acquisitions (Formerly “Gifts”) Subcommittee (Cole, Hrenko, Zagaria)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates. **Subcommittee members discussed public art gift donors for India Street monument have met partial fundraising goal to begin artist commission, Committee members to review engraving details once finalized. A Collection plaque will be purchased and installed upon final installation of public artwork gift.**

C. Communications Subcommittee (Motter, Berke, Gibbs)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates. **Subcommittee members discussed how to highlight open call for artists commission at Portland Harbor Commons Park on social media and drafted upcoming posts. Other outreach ideas discussed included community workshops, webinars and collaboration with Creative Portland and other local publications.**

D. Collection Management (Formerly “Site Selection”) Subcommittee (Dennehy, Gibbs, Berke, Zagaria)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates. **Subcommittee members did not have updates.**

4. Project Reports *(No public comment will be taken)*

A. Portland Harbor Common new acquisition subcommittee (Dennehy, Cole, Levesque & Zagaria)

1. Subcommittee members to share updates. **Subcommittee members shared the Round 1 submissions deadline is February 11, 2026 and will provide updates at future meeting.**

5. Public Comment Period On Non-Agenda Items – No public comment

6. Other Business - No new business

7. Meeting adjourns – @4:45pm

