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Portland Public Art Committee
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Portland Public Library Room 3

Attendance: Nick Aceto, Anna Berke, James Cradock, Jess Lauren Lipton, Corey Templeton. Not in attendance: Julia Kirby, Chair, Kifah Abdulla, Councilor Pious Ali, Diana Greenwold, Lin Lisberger, Daniel Minter. Staff: Caitlin Cameron

Call to Order 4:02pm – no quorum

Project Reports

Conservation:

- **Cleaves:** Conservation work complete.
- **Bus Shelter:** Cameron – work is underway, over budget because of extensive corrosion found in unexpected areas, need for structural reinforcement. Cameron will bring additional costs to committee for approval from the contingency funds.
- **Assessment:** Discussion about timing of last assessment, future conservation needs. Ideally, catch projects before the need is costly and extensive. Is there a need for a new assessment? Consult with Taggart on work plan for future years. Possible to put more support into archive – intern?

Black Hawk: Maintenance Plan discussion – clarify PPAC responsibility. Lipton asked whether it is too late to change the MOU with Friends of Deering Oaks to cover maintenance up to a certain dollar amount? Lipton asked whether there will be additional lighting on the sculpture – no. The Friends group provided an update – most funding received, squirrel portion funded, artist able to minimize the amount of bronze around the squirrel as discussed with PPAC.

Congress Square: Cameron reported that the fundraising committee has officially kicked off its efforts for the park and public artwork. Berke asked about the fundraising status and role of PPAC in that fundraising.

Roundabout: Cameron asked for volunteers to serve as the project liaisons. Aceto volunteered; Cameron will ask Greenwold. These committee members will provide design direction and feedback, answer questions for the artist, schedule check-ins for the artist design development. The project was approved as part of the Council action on the Annual report and budget, waiting to finalize contract.

MLK Memorial: No update

Subcommittee Reports

Governance/Board Development:

- **Annual Report:** Approved by Council on August 12, 2019.
- **Members:** New representative from Creative Portland in November. Templeton will cycle off the committee at the end of the year.
- **Maintenance Plan:** Draft maintenance plan was circulated for comment – some small revisions suggested. This will be a template document for new acquisitions.

Communications:

- **Marketing:** Lipton to follow up with Casco Ferry on the Puffin project
- **Sculpture of the Month:** Rustle Diptych suggested.
- **Website:** Cradock needs to update the coordinates for the Portland Brick website; Cradock will bring the Google analytics of the website for next month's meeting.
- **Videos:** Cradock will follow up on the status of the CTN video.

Site Selection: none

Temporary Art:

- Lipton and Berke are the new representatives for Temp Art Review Panel.
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Other Business:

- Request for letter of support from Creative Portland for Maine Arts Commission grant – those present were supportive of providing the letter. Lipton wanted to emphasize that branding efforts should not only be for visitors but also residents. Language and marketing to residents – METRO interaction? Cradock suggested that the branding should include an inventory of public art.

Adjourn at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Caitlin Cameron