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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Portland Public Library, Room 3

Attendance: Julia Kirby, Chair, Jess Lipton, Gibrian Foltz, Diana Greenwold, Anna Berke, Nick Aceto.
Not in attendance: Kifah Abdulla, Mayor Snyder, Lin Lisberger, Kavya Seshachar, James Cradock.
Staff: Andrew Tufts Members of the Public: See sign-in sheet attached

Call to Order 4:04

Approve Minutes from January 15, 2020; reviewed at 4:28; [unanimous approval]

Project Reports

Great Black Hawk:

David Smus (Project Artist) & Anne Pringle (Friends of Deering Oaks) gave an update on the *Great Black Hawk* sculpture and provided a model to scale depicting the granite column, the hawk, and an informational plaque. An informational plaque was added to column at eye level, 5'3" on center. The squirrel head is 40-42" high. The committee discussed and weighed the location of the plaque. – either placed at base of pillar or at eye level; the committee decided to wait on decision of plaque location until installation. The board was unanimously in favor of the final design.

Julia Kirby motioned to accept the proposal as depicted, Anna Berke seconds, [6-0 approval unanimous]

Maintenance/Conservation:

Julia Kirby reminded committee that the 5-year conservation plan with Jonathan Taggart is coming to a close, and the committee needs to start planning for a new contract.

Congress Square:

Julia Kirby outlined updates to Congress Square and a new expense proposal. A public meeting will need to be held and a request has been made for equipment funds to be taken from the PPAC donation fund, totaling \$591.20. The committee voted unanimously to cover the expense [Kirby, 6-0].

MLK Memorial

Julia Kirby provided an update that one of two artists have dropped out. A public meeting is to be held on March 3, location to be determined, and Julia will follow up with location details.

Roundabout

Julia Kirby relays that new budgets were approved by Council.

Subcommittee Reports

Governance/Board Development:

- Openings to be advertised Spring 2020 – up to three positions
- 3 positions open
- Members should be thinking of candidates to recommend; conservator, artists: fundraising background, sculptors attention to materials
- Noted that if someone leaves Council has authority to appoint someone

Communications:

- **Marketing:** – Jess Lipton requested guidance from the Committee regarding card types. There was deliberation between post cards vs rack cards; Jess will fiddle with design as committee members ruminate. Portland Maine cruise conference was highlighted as a potential location for materials
- **Sculpture of the Month:** Fireman
- **Site Selection:** Bramhall Square design update: Mitchell & Assoc. are working on it

5:00p USM Media Class Collaboration

A group of students from MECA/USM provided a presentation of a video proposal focused on a living artist; Aaron Stephan, a light sculptor who designed and fabricated the *Luminous Arbor* that was installed at Woodfords Corner. The team mentioned *Art in Our Front Yard* as a precedent. Julia Kirby responded to not be limited in precedent and be creative, tell the story including public meetings, and Stefan's ability to engage with the public and win them over. The short film (roughly 10-minutes) would be centered around an interview, cut away to b-rolls, incorporate time-lapse videos, hyper lapse videos, be very stylized, and tell the story of how it got commissioned. Other committee members encouraged the team to discuss bringing in different city departments to work together to create the opportunity. The Committee recommended the team speak with Caitlin Cameron, Lin Lisberger, Justin Costa, Theresa Valliere (FWC), DPW, and the Press Herald. The timeline aims for a March 2/3 interview; final video by May 1st; rough edit half way through. The team will attend the PPAC March meeting. Nick Aceto recommends looking into 'placemaking'.

Other Business:

- Creative Portland Bus Shelter project update: Foltz provided an update on the project; more to come in April.
- Factory 3 Makerspace Open House 1pm on Saturdays.

Mural proposal:

Jared Goulette has proposed creating a mural that would replace an existing but decaying mural located on a city owned building on Anderson Street adjacent to Fox Field.

- Funding: community art grant or temporary art permit; this would be a paid project.
- Vote to deaccession? No longer want current mural in collection? Orig. painted 2004.
- Open to mural as permanent art or temporary art?
- The committee will reach out to Jared, and relay that committee is open to leasing space.
- The committee will reach out to the East Bayside NBHD Assoc. about potential redesign

Next Meeting – March 18, 2020

Adjourn at 5:16 pm