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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Online via Zoom

Attendance: Jim Cradock, Chair, Jess Lipton, Vice-Chair, Anna Berke, Nick Aceto, Lin Lisberger, Gibrian Foltz, Julia Kirby, Kavya Seshachar
Not in attendance: Diana Greenwold, Mayor Snyder
Staff: Caitlin Cameron

Call to Order 4:03p

Approve Minutes from August 18, 2020 [**Lisberger; Lipton 7-0 unanimous approval**]

Project Reports

Great Black Hawk: Plaque was installed. Templeton took photos documenting the work. Action Items: Cradock to add artwork to website.

Maintenance/Conservation: Taggart completed work within existing contract. FY21 assessment in the next budget cycle.

Congress Square: no updates

East Bayside Mural: Lin contacted the artist to discuss option – received reply that artist was open to repainting the wall. Lisberger sent the conservator's report to the artist but no further response. What constitutes artist approval? Committee felt this requirement was met. Kirby did not get a response from the East Bayside Neighborhood Organization. Discussion of how to move forward with a community conversation. Lisberger asked what the timeline is for making a decision – depends whether action should be included in the Annual Report. Lisberger and Kirby suggested no action should be taken until more neighborhood engagement. Action Items: Cameron will send contact information to Kirby for EBNO.

Subcommittee Reports

Governance/Board Development:

- Open Positions: Positions will be posted after the elections. The committee further discussed candidates to approach to apply. Lipton requested that someone keep a list of potential candidates and share. Action Items: Lisberger and Lipton will create the list.
- Annual Report/Budget: Committee reviewed the final draft annual report and budget proposal. Cradock asked how education/outreach activities will be funded if not through the CIP budget – Donation account. The committee voted to recommend the Annual Report and Budget Plan with some revisions to City Council for approval (Lisberger, Kirby 8-0). Action Items: Cameron will revise draft and send to Council.

Gifts: Pinecone gift was approved by the Historic Preservation Board on 9/2 (4-0 with conditions – signage, parks coordination, ppac approval). The gifts subcommittee recommends the committee vote to accept

gift as part of the Annual Report with Council. Donors will pay for installation. The committee voted to recommend to Council to accept the gift and add it to the public art collection (Kirby, Cradock 8-0). Action Items: Kirby to coordinate presentation at Historic Preservation Board.

[5:00 Kirby leaves]

Communications: Seshachar shared progress on the coloring sheets for outreach. There was a conversation about whether the living artists represented should be contacted for permission. The images will also be made into downloadable pdf made available on the website in addition to packets delivered to restaurants. Aceto asked whether there are other venues or formats to consider, bound book? There was also the idea to create a maze image of the peninsula with artwork images included. Lisberger suggested adding the images to the PPAC social media and hashtags. #portlandmainepublicart Action Items: Seshachar to create artwork files; Cradock will research cost of printing, crayons; Cameron will find the available funds.

Site Selection: Updated site priority map and selection considerations were presented by Lisberger and Aceto – to be added to the Annual Report. Committee members suggested a few revisions including adding an overlay of the existing art collection, making a list of sites as well as the map (shareable spreadsheet). Action Items: Aceto to revise, send to Cameron to include in Annual Report. Cameron to make spreadsheet of site.

Other Business:

- **Community Artwork – Blaze:** Cameron presented a revised budget based on the advice from Corporation Counsel that city staff and committee members should not receive financial compensation from PPAC CIP funds to remove any possibility of conflict of interest. The committee voted to approve (Cradock, Berke 5-0, 2 abstain) the \$8,000 community art grant. The committee provided some feedback on the graphic layout. Lisberger asked whether the PPAC funds could also be extended towards the landscape trail improvements. Cradock mentioned the proposal to work with Berke to raise outside funds for PPAC projects. Berke offered to share grant opportunities. Cradock asked what the mechanics are for the PPAC to receive donations – there is an existing account set up to receive grants and donations.
- **Council Resolution:** Lipton will present on this item in the October meeting
- **Temporary Art:** Two applications are scheduled for review on September 23 at 4p – USM Artist-in-residence Hella Rocks on the Eastern Promenade and the Black Lives Matter street mural on Free Street.

Next Meeting – October 21, 2020 (online)

Adjourn at 5:55 pm

VI. FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET

The City allocates .05% of the annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget for the conservation and acquisition of permanent public art. This FY21 Budget Plan shows \$52,500 for the .05% allocation from the FY21 CIP budget.

Remaining Encumbrances from approved budget plans

	Activity	Description	Budget
A	Congress Square Public Art	New commission – Sarah Sze artist	\$183,500
B	Roundabout Artwork	New commission Brighton Ave roundabout	\$123,000
	Total Encumbered		\$ 306,500

FY21 – Proposed Budget (July 2020-June 2021)

	Activity	Description	Budget
A	Conservation and Maintenance	To cover routine maintenance; stabilization of the Bayside Mural	\$ 5,000
B	Conservation and Maintenance	Collection Assessment	\$8,700
C	Operations	Web hosting, collection documentation, etc.	\$ 800
D	Contingency Fund	To cover repairs, theft, relocation, Community Art grant, plaque purchase, etc.	\$ 10,000
E	New Artwork	New artwork: Bramhall Square	\$ 25,000
	Total FY21 Budget		\$ 49,500

Potential projects:

- Bayside Mural stabilization
- Bramhall Square functional artwork
- Plaque purchases: Great Black Hawk, Passing the Torch, Pinecone Gift
- Community Grant application