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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 18, 2020
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Online via Zoom

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

Call to Order 4:07p

Approve Minutes from October 21, 2020 [**Kirby; Berke 7-0 unanimous approval**]

[Aceto joins 4:10p]

Project Reports

Maintenance/Conservation: Cameron is drafting a new conservation contract for Jonathan Taggart to cover the collection assessment and the mural stabilization. Conservation work can now proceed with the approved budget.

Congress Square: Cameron was contacted by a journalist asking about the public art selection process. Lisberger asked whether the Phase II schedule is delayed due to budget/Covid? Cameron was not sure – depends on the CIP funding for next fiscal year.

East Bayside Mural: Staff are waiting for a cost estimate from Taggart to finalize the budget request and contract.

Subcommittee Reports

Governance/Board Development:

- Open Positions: Three positions were advertised as of 11/16/20. Lisberger contacted several people in the community to encourage to apply. The committee discussed skills, diversity, needs for new committee members to be included in a list to the Appointments Committee. These include: professional artists, project management/arts administration, tech skills, social media. Action Items: Cradock will draft letter to Appointments committee.
- Annual Report/Budget: City Council approved Annual Report and FY21 Budget Plan on 11/16/20.

Communications: Cradock gave an update on the coloring sheets – 8 sheets, double sided. 2,000 sheets total. Distribution includes 4 restaurants, Parks & Recreation Department, public school system. Berke contacted the school arts coordinator – they only needed a digital file but would accept hard copies if distributed. Lisberger asked whether the digital file had already been distributed to the schools – yes. Action Items: Cradock will research printing costs.

Cradock was contacted by artist for Portland Brick with two concerns. First, order of bricks is incorrect when construction replaced sidewalk on Thames Street. Committee discussed whether this impacts the integrity of the work and determined too costly and risk of damage to remove and change. Second, the map and website were not displaying properly. The committee raised the question whether there will be the ability to map multiple locations for one artwork on the map. Action Items: Cradock will correct the problem as a volunteer without cost to the committee.

Cradock reported on online analytics. Cradock would like to leverage tools and get more awareness. Action Items: Cradock will develop a social media plan. Seshachar volunteers to help with Facebook posts.

Site Selection: Site priority map was included in Annual Report to Council.

Gifts: The Pinecone was adopted into the collection by City Council action and can now be installed. Action Items: Kirby will contact the donors to coordinate installation and make the request regarding the plinth and plaque.

Other Business:

- **Council Resolution:** Lipton drafted proposed revisions to the Temporary Art Guidelines to expedite street mural projects. Kirby said temporary art should be of the moment and responsive – revisions should enable the City to make a quicker response. Discussion included: Should the revisions be specific to street murals or broaden to all artworks? Goal/intent was to be more accommodating of quick response to applications and encourage more of these activities. Does not appear to be a general concern about the speed of review for temporary art. Action Items: Lipton will provide draft revisions; Cradock will request Mayor to attend November meeting.
- **Bramhall Square:** The project was approved by Council and will require an artist selection process. Committee representatives will be Cradock, Aceto, and Berke. Kirby also raised the question whether any new committee members might have interest in this. Action Item: Cameron will schedule a coordination meeting.

Next Meeting – December 16, 2020 (online)

Adjourn at 5:14 pm