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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

4:00 PM The meeting will be held via Zoom.

1. Zoom Meeting Information

- A. *Due to the existence of an emergency or urgent issue the **Portland Public Art Committee** will conduct this meeting by remote methods/technology at the Zoom link provided below, in accordance with the requirements of 1 M.R.S. section 403-B and the City Council's Remote Participation Policy. Allow your computer to install the free zoom app to get the best meeting experience.*

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2. Call to Order

- A.
- Approve Minutes from December 15, 2021, February 15, 2022 & March 16, 2022.
 - Introduction of new committee members Phoebe Cole & Sharon Dennehy.
 - FY 22 proposed budget (July 2021 – June 2022).

3. Project Reports

- A. **Congress Square Park (King, Lipton):** Congress Square Park (CSP) Redesign Phase B scope of work underway to include public art installation by artist Sarah Sze. Currently in construction document phase, finalize by the end of May 2022. Capital improvement allocation

of funds for park construction FY2023 approved by City Council. PPAC / FoCSP has provided letter of support for Federal funding applications.

Gathering Stones (King, Lipton): PPAC acquisition into permanent location, with a recommendation by site selection subcommittee to keep artwork in place at Fish Point. *Site selection subcommittee investigated alternative locations and concluded significant obstacles in site locations, acquisition, timeline and district support.* PPAC allocated \$30-32K towards acquisition, there is a remaining estimated balance of \$28-30K as outlined by artist Jesse Salsibury which PPAC will need to utilize future budget cycle for the remainder.

Action Item – Vote to approve location and acquisition into permanent collection.

FY22 Public Art Committee Annual Report & FY23 Budget (King, Lipton): Goal setting to outline a draft for the FY22 Annual Plan and FY23 budget future during the May 20, 2022 meeting. Scope of goal setting meeting shall include, but not limited to, site selection, artwork acquisition, and future public art budget. City staff to facilitate PPAC binder for new committee members and materials for goal setting meeting. Google Doc to be shared.

PINECONE Plinth (King, Kirby): Placement of the PINECONE Plinth, an in-person meeting at Deering Oaks was held April 15, 2022 that included participation for committee members Lipton, Kirby, Seshachar, Whipple & Hancock. Additional coordination is required for City staff (Parks, Historic & Planning) review of Plinth material and inscription, along with Maine Memorial Company.

CONSERVATION (King): Jonathan Taggart (JT).

- Cleeves Memorial fence was greatly damaged during a vehicle incident Feb. 22, 2022, Police department investigation still ongoing for the responsible party and if insurance reimbursement is available. JT to provide a proposal for the repair of Cleeves Memorial fence, to include fabricator costs and untreated corrosion found. Alternatively, if the fence is deemed unrepairable, JT will provide a proposal to replace the fence and bollards which would be significantly more expensive. Fence is currently held at Evergreen Cemetery under supervision of Parks Dept. and JT has searched the area around Memorial for missing cast iron bollard pieces, which were repaired and painted in 2020.
- PPAC has prioritized conservation for Plourde's *Untitled- Armillary*. JT to provide a proposal for conservation of Plourde's *Untitled- Armillary*. JT recommends properly clean and paint for a low to no maintenance surface which should be more cost effective in the future, and will resolve the concrete staining that occurs. JT recommends using City crew to assist with deinstallation and transportation to save costs during the conservation process.
- Portland Bricks reset by Ayumi Horie, Julie Kirby & Portland Public Works on March 31, 2022. Ayumi has requested updates to the Portland Bricks website mobile viewing page.

4. Subcommittee Reports

A. Governance/Board Development Subcommittee (Lipton)

- City Clerk has appointed (2) new committee members – Phoebe Cole & Sharon Dennehy - with immediate active terms. Currently committee members Julia Kirby & Nick Aceto terms to expire 6/30/2022, an appointment of (2) new committee members – Kat Zagaria Buckley & Gillian Cook will fill their seats. Current Vice-chair Anna Berke has been reappointed for a 3-year term that begins 6/30/2022.

Communications Subcommittee (Lipton, Seshachar, Berke)

- PPAC website updates to include Art Under Foot images.
- Addition to PPAC website to include current collection (Andrew Schoultz mural '*Hope, Try, Do, Work, Dream*', Bernard Langlais '*Untitled Abstractions*', Mark Pettegrow '*Passing the Torch*', Ploudre '*Pinecone*').
- Portland Bricks website mobile viewing page updates requested by artist Ayumi Horie. Coordinate with Jim Cradock.

Site Selection Subcommittee (Aceto, Seshachar, Lipton)

5. Other Business

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- Temporary Art (Lipton, King, Davis) – Pamela Moulton application received for temporary art in Payson Park. A public meeting was held Wednesday, April 13, 2022 with the review panel that includes Jess Lipton (PPAC), Kevin Kraft, Austen Torres Davis, Sean King (Planning dept.), Jason Frazier (Public Works), Alex Marshall (Parks dept.) & Ashley Flowers (Friends of Payson Park). City staff has requested additional letters of support from community organization, individuals.
- Temporary Art (Hancock) - Friends of Woodfords Corner crosswalk project.
- Staff coordinating on in-person meeting location. Discuss.

Next Meeting - May 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (in person location TBD)