

PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 21, 2009

Attendance: Jack Soley – Chair, Alice Spencer, Peggy Golden, Dave Marshall, Alex Jaegerman, Pandora LaCasse, Sally Struever, Jere DeWaters, Virginia Rose, Terry DeWan

Guests: Ann Kearsley

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed and a minor change was indicated. Peggy made a motion to approve, Sally 2nd the motion, all voted in favor.

New Business

Peppermint Park Funding Request

The request for funding under PPAC's Community Art Works Program was reviewed. A unanimous vote approved an award of \$5,000 for this project. It was noted that Virginia will become the PPAC liaison at the end of Sally's term.

Online Brochure

Alice presented the details of the online map of public art works. This is now ready to move forward to the City for an RFP.

Boothby Square Redesign

Jeff Tarling has been managing and treating the weeds and the grass has improved. He feels it may take another year for the grass to fully mature. PPAC needs to decide whether or not they want to give it another year. Overall PPAC is happy with the efforts. Encouraged by the improvement, PPAC has decided to continue with the project for another year.

Committee Reports

Stanley Pullen Memorial Fountain

There have been some refinements to the design based upon changes in parking configuration. Proposal will be run by Historic Preservation and is expected to be completed by the next PPAC meeting. At that point, it will be ready to be put out to bid but work will not happen before winter.

Signage

This is in process and moving along.

Dragon Sculpture Update

The move is on schedule for tomorrow as per Laura Newman beginning at 7:30am. Bob Keyes will cover the story of the dragon's relocation. Terry made some suggestions

regarding placement amongst the trees and the relocation of some trees in order to protect them. It has been requested that they rake and mulch the original site.

Mapping for Site Selection

Alice will follow up with Rick to see we the mapping stands.

Little Watering Girl

Jonathan will be contracted by the Library. Move to the Maine State Pier still needs to be scheduled. Alex had been in contact with Chicago regarding the contract. It is likely the casting will take place in November. Bob Keyes is interested in covering it and there is also a possibility that CTN will too.

Other Business

New Commission

The sub committee will meet to discuss other options and ideas.

Jewell Box Bus Shelter

No new updates.

PD Merrill Sculpture

Jack reported that fundraising is going very well with a significant amount in hand and pledges.

Bayside Trail

The trails are under construction. The MLK commission is scheduled to meet and the community process is likely to commence in January.

Fishermen's Memorial

No new updates.

Maintenance Plan

Jonathan will work to identify the current needs and formulate a plan to address those needs.

New Committee Members

PPAC is looking for a couple of new members. Ann Kearsley joined us to get a better sense of the scope of commitment required.

Public Art Collection Image Archive

This project is in process with no new updates.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 6pm.

Notes prepared by Cathy Valenza.