

# **PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## **November 18, 2009**

**Attendance:** Jack Soley – Chair, Peggy Golden, Dave Marshall, Alex Jaegerman, Jere DeWaters, Virginia Rose, Terry DeWan, Tony Muench

**Guests:** Alan Holt, Stephen Carpenter, Martie Dibiase, Ann Pringle

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the October 21, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved. Peggy made a motion to approve, Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all voted in favor.

### **New Business**

#### **Fishermen's Memorial**

Alan Holt, Stephen Carpenter (artist) and Martie Dibiase (committee member) presented the current plan for the Fishermen's Memorial. They have located an ideal site at Ocean Gateway and have been negotiating with other stakeholders such as The Narrow Gauge Railroad and Portland Trails. This has been very positive and the committee feels they are in a strong position to move the project forward. However, it seems they will need to present plan to CDC prior to presenting it to the City Council. PPAC will discuss their recommendations at next meeting.

#### **Portland Trail Bench Project**

Ann Pringle presented an idea for a bench competition for the Portland Trail. Idea would be that a competition would be organized calling for submissions for creative benches. PPAC would select benches to be placed along the trail. Essentially this would be an opportunity for PPAC to commission new work for the collection from this collaboration with Portland Trail. Portland Trails will identify most likely locations for the benches. PPAC will consider the other options and coordination of such a project. Alex will work to identify the cost of the fence required by DOT so it can be considered.

#### **Stanley Pullen Memorial Fountain Discussion & Vote**

Proposal was presented to Historic Preservation and approved with conditions as detailed in their letter. Jonathan Taggart does not recommend the repair of chips on the fountain. PPAC discussed and voted on the project.

**Vote:** Terry motioned to approve the project with the inclusion of lighting, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> and all voted in favor of the project.

**Next steps:** need to go to Engineering for detailed drawings and then Alex will work to prepare it for bid. A project manager would be necessary and it was suggested that Tony serve in this capacity.

#### **Annual Report Plan & Appropriations Requests**

PPAC discussed elements to be included in the 2009 report and the 2010 appropriations requests. Cathy, Jack and Alex will work to create a draft for consideration at the next meeting. Once finalized by PPAC it will be presented to the City Council for approval.

## **Welcome New Committee Member Tony Muench**

Tony was welcomed to PPAC. We still need one more member due to Sally's term ending in December. Linda Cohen will place an ad at the end of November.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Signage**

We are in process of getting size and placement requirements from Jonathan Taggart. Once we have this information we can go to bid on the project (the casting of the signs) via Matt.

### **Dragon Sculpture Update**

The move is DONE! For consideration is whether or not PPAC has additional funds they wish to use to fund the commission of additional sections of the dragon. It would take about \$10,000 to create two new sections and the East End School may be able to contribute. The sculpture was originally dedicated and it is hoped we can incorporate this piece of information on the new signage. It would be important to include this acknowledgement.

### **Mapping for Site Selection**

No report was available on current status of this project for this meeting.

### **Little Watering Girl Storage of Mold Update**

Alex has contract from Chicago. They want us to keep the mold stored for posterity. Alex believes it can be stored in the attic at City Hall in a crate that would be permanently labeled. Jonathan will guide the process of crating the mold. PPAC wants to endorse contract language to keep mold extant.

**Vote:** Jere made a motion to vote in favor of this plan as discussed above, Virginia 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all voted in favor.

### **Online Brochure RFP**

This project is being worked on.

## **Other Business**

### **PD Merrill Sculpture**

Jack reported that fundraising is going very well with a significant amount in hand and pledges. More than half of the nearly \$1,000,000 has been raised.

### **Maintenance Plan**

It was decided that an appropriation request would be an appropriate way to allow for funds to be easily available for 2010 projects and needs.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 6pm.

Next meeting: December 16, 2009.

Notes prepared by Cathy Valenza.