



**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 27, 2010**

A meeting of the Portland City Council's Community Development Committee (CDC) was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 209 on the second floor of Portland City Hall. Present from the CDC was its Chair Councilor Cheryl Leeman and member Councilor Dory Richards-Waxman. Committee member Councilor John Anton could not be present. Present from the City staff were Assistant City Manager Pat Finnigan, Economic Development Director Greg Mitchell, and Senior Executive Assistant Lori Paulette.

**Item #1: Review and accept Minutes of previous meeting held on January 13, 2010.**

Mr. Scharf noted that his last name in these minutes should be corrected from "Sharf" to Scharf".

On motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the Minutes as corrected by Mr. Scharf.

**Item #2: Fisherman's Monument Placement at Ocean Gateway – Action Requested: For your review and recommendation to the City Council.**

Mr. Mitchell introduced Alan Holt who would give the Committee an overview of the project. The Committee is being requested to forward a recommendation to the City Council for placement of the monument on publicly-owned real estate.

Mr. Holt thanked the Committee for taking this up today and introduced two members of the Fishermen's Monument Committee (FMC) with him today – Terry Duddy and Marty DiBiase.

Mr. Holt said that the FMC was created about six years ago and since that time has been fund-raising and working to design the monument as presented in smaller scale to the Committee today. In 2004, the FMC received the unanimous endorsement of the City Council to place the monument at Bell Buoy Park. That now has proven impractical for a number of reasons. Since then, FMA has worked in partnership with the Maine Arts Commission and the Public Art Committee in selecting an artist(s) to design and create the monument. The juried artists selected are from Eliot, Maine – Christopher Gowell and Steven Carpenter.

The actual monument will be life-size and approximately 14 feet by 22 feet; the dory itself will be about 17 feet long. Mr. Holt further explained the details of the monument.

The FMC recently looked at the Ocean Gateway terminal site as a possible location for the monument. Mr. Holt handed the Committee a photoshop concept of how the monument might look in this area, noting that the FMC was aware that this site is in a state of flux. The FMC is asking the CDC for a recommendation to the Council for a City commitment for public real estate for the monument.

Chair Leeman asked how much real estate would be needed, and Mr. Holt estimated it to be 3,000 sq. ft to 5,000 sq. ft. He noted that the Maine State Pier vision statement includes a place for a fishermen's monument as a desirable element.

Mr. Duddy said that he has been part of the FMC since its inception. The monument before the Committee could be a draw for people to the waterfront as is the

“Man At The Wheel” monument in Gloucester. The foundry for the actual making of the monument is also in Eliot; everything will be done here in Maine.

Chair Leeman said that it is an extraordinary piece and should be located somewhere on Portland’s waterfront; Councilor Waxman shared that sentiment. Chair Leeman then opened the meeting for public comment.

Steven Scharf said that it is a wonderful piece and offered a suggestion for its placement in Boothby Square Park, substituting it for the piece there now called “Tracing the Fore”. Mr. Scharf said that it would be draw but cautioned that it may not be as much of a draw as the monument in Gloucester previously mentioned.

Chair Leeman asked if there was any further public comment. Seeing none, the public comment session was closed.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee then voted unanimously to forward this item to the City Council with a positive recommendation for the City to provide land along the waterfront for the monument.

**Item #4: Sale of City property on Riverside Street. Action Requested: Recommendation on enclosed Purchase and Sale Agreement. Note: The Committee may go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) and 5 M.R.S.A. 13119—A, to review and discuss sale negotiations.**

**Item #5: Sale of Property on Riverside Street. Action Requested: No backup materials. Update on marketing/negotiation efforts. Note: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) AND 5 M.R.S.A. 13119(A), the Committee will go into executive session to review and discuss this item.**

Chair Leeman requested that the Committee take these two items first in executive session; Councilor Waxman agreed.

On motion then made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously at 5:25 to go into executive session to take up items #4 and #5 listed directly above this paragraph pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) and 5 M.R.S.A. 13119(A) to discuss the status of negotiations. At approximately 5:45, the Committee came out of executive session.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to table items #3, #4, and #5, on the agenda to a special meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday, February 3, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 209 not available).

**Item #6: Meeting Dates for February on February 10 and 17, 2010.**

Chair Leeman said that in addition to the special meeting just set for next week, the CDC will have its regular meeting on February 10, with its second meeting moved up from February 24 to February 17. These two meetings will run from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. with an agenda item to include update on Site Plan Standards.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Paulette