

PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 20, 2010

Attendance: Jack Soley – Chair, Terry DeWan, Jere DeWaters, Pandora LaCasse, Tony Muench, Alice Spencer, Alex Jaegerman

Guest: Alison Hildreth, Jan Piribeck, Rachel Talbot Ross

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted. Jere made a motion to approve, Terry 2nd the motion, all voted in favor.

New Business

Jan Piribeck and the USM Mapping Project

Jan and three of her students visited with PPAC to present an overview of their mapping project. This project was focused on digital mapping of potential public art sites identified by the students. The sites were isolated to the peninsula and the information will be shared with PPAC as a resource.

Rachel Talbot Ross and the MLK Project

Rachel presented an overview of the project which is to be located along the Bayside Trail.

Committee Reports

Community Bench/Bayside Trail Sub Committee Project

The sub committee is excited and open minded about the bench project. Many ideas were discussed and a number of questions surfaced. The committee will meet and present an update at the next meeting.

Signage

Alex reported that the editing of the text is complete and Scott Hanson is doing some fine tuning. Alex will ask Sally to make the final changes. Orientation and mounting questions remain and will see if Jonathan has any info on this.

Dragon Sculpture Update

Alex reported that Ethan is looking to the PTO and Maine Arts Commission (and possibly the Maine community foundation) for additional funding in order to bring the dragon expansion to fruition. Ethan is also looking to Carole Hanson for an updated quote for the cost of this phase of the project.

Stanley Pullen Memorial Fountain

Tony reported the quote he received for the costs associated with the fountain at \$45-50,000. The final plans now go to public works for the final engineering review. Once this process is complete the project can go out to bid.

Other Business

Date Change for Next Meeting & Annual PPAC Dinner

PPAC discussed meeting on February 10, a week earlier than usual, followed by the annual PPAC dinner. The dinner will also be an opportunity to thank Sally for her work on behalf of the committee. All agreed. Details to follow.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 6pm.

Next meeting: February 10, 2010

Notes prepared by Cathy Valenza.