

PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 2010

Attendance: Jack Soley – Chair, Jere DeWaters, Peggy Golden, Alison Hildreth, Pandora LaCasse, Dave Marshall, Tony Muench, Patricia Murtagh, Virginia Rose, Alice Spencer

Guest: Anne Pringle

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 17, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as is. Jere made a motion to approve, Peg 2nd the motion, all voted in favor.

New Business

PR Person

Jack expressed the need to have a press liaison on the committee and for documentation of press garnered about PPAC and the collection. Virginia, Dave and Pat will help with PR. Pullen Fountain, the Community Seating RFP and field assessment/maintenance of the collection will be the next items to promote. It would be helpful to plan out a strategy for engaging the press. It was agreed all members will help to create and update a binder at each meeting. If you come across an item, cut it out and bring it in.

Committee Reports

Community Seating on the Bayside Trail Project

Anne Pringle presented the draft RFP for the seating project. Feedback included being clear that this was an art project and to cite other cities for reference.

Siting Implications of the New Veterans Bridge Project

PD Merrill Commission is considering changing the location of the memorial due to the new bridge construction and its new location. There is enthusiasm for the Gateway concept. MDOT may be able to do some of the ground work as part of the construction of the new bridge.

MLK Project

No updates to report but Jere will connect with Rachel.

Congress Square

The first meeting of the committee was held and there was a slide presentation illustrating how the area has changed over the years. \$50,000 is allocated to identify the vision for Congress Square and \$20,000 is spent on maintenance by PDD. An open public meeting will be on May 12.

Stanley Pullen Memorial Fountain

There are no design changes to the project but working with engineering regarding gas lines and potential modification. Contract docs are next and then it can go out to bid.

Online Map

The process for getting this to bid is moving along. Alice and Jere will work on the details once the project can be moved along.

Maintenance Plan

Peggy will check in with Alex about how to move the plan forward.

Signage

This is in process.

Mapping Project

Tony has connected with Rick Renner. Questions: How do we use the layers and mark criteria? Which sites are best for public art? Alison will now lead this effort and Pandora will work with her.

Boothby Square

Peggy will coordinate a gardening effort and will give Jeff Tarling a “heads up” so efforts can be coordinated.

Jack adjourned the meeting at 6pm.

Next meeting: June 16, 2010

Notes prepared by Cathy Valenza.