

**CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND**  
**Arts & Historic Preservation Committee**  
**March 3 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Members in attendance (remote):**

Doreen Gay, Chairperson  
Hannah Holmes, Vice Chairperson, Secretary  
Jessie Kessler  
Jim Flahaven  
Alessa Wylie, Greater Portland Landmarks  
Jim Flahaven

**Staff in attendance:**

Milan Nevajda, Community Planner

**Absent:**

Kathy DiPhilippo, South Portland Historical Society  
Mark Weisendanger

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

Approval of minutes from: unanimous

- Membership: Caitie Whelan has resigned from the committee
- 1% for art at middle school: Jim reports the architects have selected 3 artists already. Discussion of this committee's low profile among other city departments.
- Crosswalk project, Jessie: Not getting much response from relevant city departments. Discussion of recruiting principals to support this proposal. She will send them a letter inviting that support.
- Sidewalk chalk art at Bug Light Kite Festival: Discussion of social distancing and traffic concerns. Discussion of other art forms that don't require asphalt acreage: Graffiti wall, sand art, kite making.
- Committee Visibility: Public art events are an opportunity to use signage to raise the profile of the committee's work; this is entangled with the "split personality" of the AHPC. To be continued.
- Local public art ordinance: Milan proposed a city-level ordinance to raise the profile of art within the context of city building projects--a "Local 1% for Art," eg.
- City vehicle art concept: Milan: The relevant departments were open to the idea of fun decals of non-emergency public vehicles and bus shelters. Funding is an issue. Explore willingness of local businesses to sponsor bus shelter art?
- **2021 Goals review:**
  - Candidates:
  - History kiosk at Armory.
  - Railroad overpass beautification.
  - Lights on Broadway home lighting competition.
  - No decisions made.
  - Jessie and Jim will discuss specific arts goals.

- Mission/Fate of Historic wing of committee: Alessa, Hannah: Is an historic-preservation committee necessary?
- Milan: Comprehensive Plan update forthcoming, and could use coordination with AHPC, particularly regarding “current conditions summary”, and “pressing issues on the horizon” portions of the Comprehensive Plan update. Will consult with Hannah and Alessa.
- Workshop upcoming March 23; time TBD: Presentation of request for CIP in support of completing an historic structure list. Doreen and Alessa at least will attend.