

City of South Portland
Arts and Historic Preservation Committee
Meeting
April 15, 2015, 8:00-9:00am
Planning Department, Sawyer & Ocean Sts.
MINUTES

Present: Kathy DiPhilippo, Tex Hauser, Amanda Larson, Jessica Routhier, Rob Schreiber, Aimée Turner, Scott Whitaker. Absent: Jane Batzell, John Schwartzman.

Jessica Routhier called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Acceptance of minutes of March 4 & March 11 meetings.

Update on the Armory Project:

Tex: Zoning of Armory has moved through “the next phase”. (Conversation about recent Portland Press Herald and South Portland Sentry articles about the Armory and the redevelopment.) People are generally positive about the redevelopment of the Armory property but some are hearing concern about the destruction of the Drill Hall. Final public hearing regarding the Armory is scheduled for May 4. Mr. LaTulippe will appear again before the Planning Board in June.

Jessica asked where the approved zoning language can be found (publicly?) Tex: in the April 6 City Council minutes.

Asked how the committee can have greater efficacy moving forward, Tex stated we aren’t a “design review board” for private developers. We are more like consultants. We exist in an advisory capacity.

NEA Artwork Grants

Tex caught us up on two recent NEA grant applications. One was from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and pertained to the former electrical building in Millcreek Park. This was connected to the Maine Center for Creativity. The other pertained to this committee and was an effort to convene artists. Neither was successful in this most recent round of grants, but now that we are more organized as a committee, that should help our bid toward receiving grants.

Jane commented that she is an experienced grant-writer but that it can be VERY arduous work to write grants.

Jessica suggested that at the next meeting we have more information about potential grant monies that are out there.

The meeting ran out of time before reviewing mission statement language. That agenda point was postponed until the next meeting.

Next meeting: May 13, 8:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Aimée L. Turner