

City of South Portland
Arts and Historic Preservation Committee
Meeting
August 12, 2015, 8:00-9:10am
Planning Department, Sawyer & Ocean Sts.
MINUTES

Present: Adrian Dowling, Tex Haeuser, Amanda Larson, Jessica Routhier, Aimée Turner.

Absent: Jane Batzell, Kathy DiPhilippo, Rob Schreiber, John Schwartzman, Scott Whitaker.

Also present: Alex Acquisto from *The Forecaster*.

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

Minutes of July 8 meeting accepted.

Discussion: Vision Statement

We considered finer points to include in the draft strategic plan. Amanda suggests identifying buildings or neighborhoods “at risk,” or which would benefit from special attention from AHPC. Aimee asks about the impact of transitioning Mahoney to the City Hall (from a historic/cultural perspective). Tex adds thoughts about “streetscaping,” where “neighborhood design starts.” Major streetscaping is underway at Thornton Heights, and future streetscaping in in the plan for East Broadway and Westbrook Street from Plaza 29 to Jetport Rd. Also mention of the Master Plan calling for “neighborhood activity centers,” meaning increased density near existing/flourishing small businesses.

Greenbelt Walkway Pedestrian Bridge Charrette

Update from Tex on the progress of this plan and project. In the design phase. Various committees will send members for the charrette, including but not limited to Bike & Pedestrian, Economic Development, as well as businesses and residents. There is a 2-month planning window... what is the potential significance of the place? Form? Style? This is a big opportunity and could be a “branding image” for the City.

Meeting adjourned 9am.

Next meeting: September 9, 2015, 8:00am.