

City of South Portland
Arts and Historic Preservation Committee

Meeting

March 11, 2015, 8:00-9:00am

Planning Department, Sawyer & Ocean Sts.

MINUTES

Present: AHPC members Jane Batzell, Kathy DiPhilippo, Tex Haeuser, Amanda Larsen, Jessica Routhier, Aimée Turner, Rob Schreiber. Absent: John Schwartzman, Scott Whitaker.

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

Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting.

Aimée Turner was appointed minute-taker by the group.

Jessica reviews the attendance policy.

Update re: Planning Board.

Tex: 6-0 motion to accept the Armory Zone, although some of the AHPC language was removed, pertaining to Historic issues, i.e. the concerns about the band of color. Aimée expresses that the band of color appears to be an Irving “brand element” appearing on other Irving buildings. AHPC is on record as expressing concern. Kathy notes that we’ll have “before photos” documenting the existing condition and appearance of the Armory.

Jane feels that “best effort” (which was restored to the Zoning document by Planning Board) is a subjective term and could enable a considerable amount of change to the building by Irving.

Kathy says that we (AHPC members) should be attending the regular Planning Board meeting (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

Rich reminds group that 30,000+ commuter cars pass this intersection daily. Irving will have significant visibility.

Aimée: This is a positive opportunity for Irving.

Amanda: This is an opportunity for development going forward in Millcreek.

Re: Mission Statement.

Aimée & Rob would like the language to include the performing arts, although they understand that the primary focus of the Committee is visual, public art.

Guiding principles of a mission statement: What we do. Who you do it for. Why it matters.

Jessica provided a review of the 1st draft of the Mission Statement and 4 alternatives.

Kathy: Mission statement should be brief.

Jessica: we need to broaden the definition of ourselves beyond what the city has commissioned

Amanda: Performance art may be over-reaching... might be beyond the scope of the Committee. Kathy agrees, especially that we shouldn't "get into scheduling events." The group agrees.

Rob: the Committee could benefit from an "Art Inventory" of the City.

Jessica: we should include "advocacy" in the mission statement (in regards to performance art?)

Motion to adjourn, seconded, meeting is concluded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aimée L. Turner.

Next Meeting: April 8, 8:00am.