

City of South Portland
Arts & Historic Preservation Committee
February 5th, 2020
Planning and Development Department

Members in attendance:

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

Absent:

Kathy DiPhilippo, South Portland Historical Society
Mary DeRose
Jon Godin

Staff in attendance:

Justin Barker, Community Planner

Guests:

Associates in the development of the Captain Boyd House

Chairperson Hannah Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes: Hannah made a motion to accept the October minutes, Doreen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Armory Kiosk Update: Doreen gave an update on the kiosk, sharing a draft of the proposed language. She also described an edited photograph of the building that she intends to include, but is having difficulty with the file size. Alessa made suggestions for editing the content to make it more concise and focused. Hannah, Alessa and Mark offered to help with the formatting moving forward.

Art Subcommittee Report: Jessie gave an art sub-committee report, listing the revised goals for 2020. The committee brainstormed potential public art opportunities at the Avesta Housing Project. It was suggested that an installation tie into the proposed bus stop on the property, potentially with a translucent film on the shelter glass with imagery from the farm that once was there. Doreen will be in contact with the representatives of that project to investigate what potential there is for such a project. Jessie detailed the sub-committee's meeting with the parks department regarding the light display. The conversation included the physical limitations of the parks department in the design, what they are willing to explore, and how they might alter the design moving forward. The art sub-committee will be in contact with the parks department in July to talk about the next steps for the 2020 display. The committee discussed how to access public art opportunities for the middle school consolidation. Mark suggested contacting Kathy Girmani to start the conversation.

265 Cottage Road design update: Representatives from 265 Cottage distributed a revised design for the property, addressing a neighbor's concern regarding the height of the addition. The committee reviewed the plan changes, making a few simple suggestions to ensure that the historic character of the building remains intact. The team from 265 Cottage were in favor of the suggestions. Doreen made a motion that the revised plan meets the secretary of interior's standards, with Jessie seconding. The motion passed.

Round Robin: Alessa announced that the representative from Greater Portland Landmarks will be attending our next meeting to discuss plaques. Jessie and Doreen polled members for ideal times for a sub-committee meeting, deciding on 5:45pm Wednesdays, moving forward (no specific date set just yet).

Doreen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessie.

Meeting concluded at 8:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4th, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.