

Arts & Historic Preservation Committee Minutes

January 6, 2021

7:30-9:00

Members in Attendance:

Doreen Gay, Chairperson
Kathy DiPhilippo, South Portland Historical Society
Jim Flahaven
Hannah Holmes
Jessie Kessler
Alessa Wylie, Greater Portland Landmarks

Staff in attendance:

Milan Nevajda, City Planner

Absent:

Mark Wiesendanger

1. Review of minutes from December 2. Minutes approved with one change: all references to “Sylvan Sites” to be changed to “Sylvan Site”.
2. New City Logo Project. The Economic Development Committee has been looking over some designs. Thus far they have rejected those designs that they have seen. They have inquired about bringing this committee onboard for our input. It is the will of the AHPC to be involved.
3. Review of council-related obligations re: submitting historic properties.
4. Discussion of Splitting the Committee. There was discussion and it was unanimously decided that it would be in everyone’s best interest to split the committee into two separate entities: A Historical Preservation Committee, and an Arts Committee (The future arts committee reserves the right to self-christen with a much cooler name than “Arts Committee”). Milan will schedule a city council meeting to make the split official. That will likely be in late spring. In the meantime, it was suggested that the Historical Preservation portion of this committee will be rather light in the next few months, so coexistence should not be an issue and it should not be necessary to have two meetings per month.
5. Selection of officers for 2021. Doreen has agreed to chair the committee for 2021.
6. Identify and refine 2021 Goals (this was folded in with Agenda items for Feb. 2021).

Percent for the arts for the middle school
Arts decals on public spaces
Database of creatives in South Portland
Armory Kiosk
Sidewalk chalk event at Kite Festival
Low cost/no cost art events
“Maine Needs” art kits
Continue fine tuning 20 Adelbert, and other properties on database
Graphic identity with clean buses

7. Next meeting is February 3.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by Jim Flahaven