

CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND
Arts & Historic Preservation Committee
Minutes NOVEMBER 4, 2020 - DRAFT

Members in attendance:

Hannah Holmes, Chairperson
Doreen Gay, Vice Chairperson
Jim Flahaven
Caitie Whelan
Mark Wiesendanger
Kathy DiPhilippo, South Portland Historical Society
Alessa Wylie, Greater Portland Landmarks

Staff in attendance:

Justin Barker, Community Planner
Milan Nevajda, Director Planning Division

Absent:

Jessie Kessler

AGENDA

- Justin informed the committee that he will be leaving the city for a job with the Portland Housing Authority on 11/10/2020. We all thank him for his service to the group and that we are very appreciative of his leadership and guidance. Milan will take over his role on the AHPC.
- Review / approve minutes from October 21 meeting: Postponed until December meeting giving the committee time to review them.
- Generous volunteering of one member to be secretary: Doreen
- Arts update: Doreen reported that the subcommittee hasn't been able to meet. She expressed that Bill Mann from the city hasn't replied to her request regarding the idea of "Lights on Broadway" for the winter season. Doreen spoke to a local Facebook group who were discussing the plan for Cash Corner road and sidewalk improvements and asked about whether art could be incorporated into the railroad underpass as our group researched years ago, but didn't get it off the ground. It was mentioned that something will be installed in the area of the Auto Zone on Broadway. This would be good for the Art subcommittee to pursue more. Catie Whelan expressed an interest in learning more about the art subcommittee, Doreen will follow up with her.
- Finalize and vote to accept or reject any complete historic property forms: Much discussion ensued regarding the committee members lack of expertise and confidence in submitting forms to the city workshop. Milan recommended that the forms be completed as best we can and that this would be a good opportunity to request funds so the AHPC can hire an expert to review our findings. Milan also recommended that we postpone our workshop until March 23, 2021, which will give us more time to complete and vote on more properties. Next month's meeting will focus on property forms only.

We found in reviewing 416 Preble, which Hannah completed. Kathy suggested adding the story behind the building under comments, which we all agreed to. Kathy has volunteered provide this write up so Hannah can add it to the form.

Alessa has completed approximately 32 properties in the Sylvan Heights neighborhood. We reviewed 990 Sawyer. After much discussion, it was decided that the Sylvan Heights neighborhood would also qualify under applicable criteria *#1 Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history*. Alessa will amend the form accordingly. A motion was made by Kathy to accept 990 Sawyer form with the addition of criteria #1, and seconded by Doreen, the vote was unanimous. We went on to 996 Sawyer, no vote was taken, however Alessa will go back to the sheets she has completed for Sylvan Heights and add criteria #1 to all the properties.

Adjournment: Doreen made a motion to adjourn, Hannah seconded, the vote was unanimous, the meeting ended at 9:00

Next meeting: DECEMBER 2, 2020