

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PORTSMOUTH  
PUBLIC ARTS REVIEW COMMITTEE (PARC)**

March 29, 2023      5:15 – 6:30 PM

**Members Present:** Paul Burke, Chris Dwyer\*, Beth Hartnett, Jen Meister, Alyssa Murphy, Nancy Pearson\*, Bob Thoresen, Bob White\* (\* via Zoom)

**Absent:** Ellen Fineberg, Mara Witzling

**City Council/Staff:** City Councilor; Kate Cook, Asst. City Manager for Economic & Community Development; Sean Clancy

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*Sean Clancy* called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

Welcome: *Kate Cook* – City Councilor (Committee Liaison), *Sean Clancy* – Assistant City Manager for Economic and Community Development (Staff Liaison),

*Members* introduced themselves to the group.

*Councilor Cook* provided a summary of the genesis of the committee and associated committee member powers, duties, and responsibilities. There were clarifying questions which were addressed. Councilor Cook advised the committee that there are no immediate tasks to be addressed.

*Sean Clancy* outlined the committee’s responsibility to establish a structure, chair/co-chairs and secretary as well as establish a meeting cadence. The Committee engaged in conversation about how the group would operate; what to focus on in terms of process, priorities, engaging the public.

A question was asked about sharing examples of a Public Art Review process as a way to experience using the criteria set forth in the ordinance. *Nancy Pearson* and *Chris Dwyer* offered to walk the committee member through two examples: “Foundry Garage” and “African Burial Ground”.

Proposed agenda Items for April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting include: establish Committee structure (leadership, etc.). Review above Public Art examples to establish a comfort level with current criteria, and discuss connection to public art review by land use boards vis a vis this new committee.

Public Comment: there were no public comments.

The committee established a meeting cadence of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5:15-6:30 pm starting with April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 28<sup>th</sup> as placeholders.

Motion to adjourn made by *Bob Thoresen*, seconded by *Alyssa Murphy*. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sean Clancy