

**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**PUBLIC ART REVIEW COMMITTEE (PARC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

March 26, 2025

5:15 PM – 6:45 PM

In-person Meeting

Conference Room A

Members Present: Chris Dwyer, Ellen Fineberg, Beth Hartnett, Jen Meister, Robin Lurie Meyerkopf, Alyssa Murphy; Lennie Mullaney, Nancy Pearson, Mara Witzling

Via Zoom: Ernie Greenslade

City Council/Staff: Sean Clancy, Councilor Kate Cook

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and agenda review
2. Vote to accept minutes of February 26 meeting. *Motion made by Ellen Fineberg, Seconded by Nancy Pearson. Motion passed.*
3. Updates:
  - Salt Piles in place  
City Manager has asked PARC to curate the Portsmouth Room (just before the City Council Room) as an on-going rotating basis. Will need to explore who might be partners. Need to set up parameters for next meeting. Sean will investigate hanging system for ease of display and security.
  - Cabot Lyford opening/invitation (March 27)
  - Button project relocation to Community Campus  
The Recreation Department is enthusiastic about receiving it. Awaiting final placement (current suggestion at the main entrance location) and completion of current construction. PARC would like to include the artist as a rededication.
  - Annual report comments from Council  
City Council suggested looking at the Margeson Apts., the Rail Trail, and City Hall front area for additional public art. Rail Trail has established themselves as a 501C3 and are working on wayfinding and PARC members are encouraged to go to one of the next meetings to determine collaboration.
  - Portsmouth Historic work on public art tour/Public Art Archive  
PARC's current online collection is working, and they will be formatting the 15-20 pieces for their summer of 25 Walk. There is an opportunity for an intern or a volunteer to work on the project.
  - Final draft guidelines for new trust to approve. Will do a ramp-up prior to proposals.  
*Motion to endorse guidelines by Ernie. Seconded by Lennie. Motion approved.*

4. Review: Ona Judge mural (artist: Manny Ramirez, Positive Street Art)

Discussion about mural with artist and Black Heritage Trail of NH was positively received. Reviewed mural project against PARC criteria.

5. Planning for Percent-for-art for Hanover Garage. Tabled to next meeting

6. Street Life celebration/planning additional art for Bohenko Park. Chamber will be holding Street Life (August 13<sup>th</sup>) in the park this year; opportunity to promote public re: public art and potential fund-raising for next sculpture for park. Opportunity to highlight and showcase current public art.

7. Potential Speaker: Joyce Pomeroy Schwartz (broker for public art and public art expert); will need to decide to invite to meeting or separate conversation (both via Zoom).

8. Public comment--None

*Motion to adjourn made by Beth and seconded by Alyssa. Motion passed.*

Complete meeting information is available online.

Next Meeting: April 30, 2025

Respectively submitted by Jen Meister