

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

July 22, 2026 - 4:450 – 6:15 PM

Conference Room A

**Members Present:** Chris Dwyer, Ernie Greenslade; Beth Hartnett; Heather Krans; Robin Lurie Meyerkopf; Lennie Mullaney; Jen Meister; Nancy Pearson, Mara Witzling

**Absent:**

**City Council/Staff:** Sean Clancy, Councilor Kate Cook

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**1. Agenda review**

**2 Vote to accept minutes of June 24 meeting:** *Minutes were not distributed but will be sent for the next meeting.*

**3. Updates:**

--Fairy House dedication- *Great turnout and Tracy Kane, the author of the books, was present. FOSE is thrilled with the location.*

--Next City Hall exhibit (Mara, Lennie, Heather)- *The next exhibition will feature photography, 'Light Falls'. Moving the installation ahead to 9/22. There is a sense that PARC could provide more structure for submissions for the 2027 calendar year; to be discussed at next meeting.*

--Trustees: payments for Nebi, Codfish, maintenance fund- *The initial payment for the artist for Nebi was approved. The maintenance of the Codfish was approved. Discussion on overall maintenance ensued. This will require new language on motions and recommendations so that the first vote of acceptance/approval by the Council also approves the schedule of payments.*

--Heather transition and vacancies- *Heather is moving out of town which creates a vacancy. Committee members were encouraged to recommend possible committee members.*

--completion of Jay Smith bust- *Work on the J Smith park begins this week. The bust is completed. PARC will schedule a dedication.*

--contract for decorative bench- *the contract has been signed. Estimated to take 18 weeks to fabricate, which is around mid-November. NH DES requires a permit as it is near a waterway. City will apply for the Nebi permit at the same time.*

**4. Nebi: Formal Acceptance-** *Members of PARC and city staff went on a studio tour to see the scale model of the sculpture. The details of elements; feathers, hair, fabric, and jewelry were well*

*received. The sculpture will be bronze, which will weather to a warm brown, and will be approx 10 feet tall.*

***Motion to approve Anthony Alemenys's model made by Ernie. Second by Jen. Motion passed.***

**5. LGBTQ Open Door location: recommendation** *N Pearson, K Cook, E Greenslade, S Clancy and members of the LGBTQ stakeholder group met with a representative from the Portsmouth DPW to gain a better understanding of the ideal areas for a permanent placement of public art. All stakeholders agree that the area closest to Congress Street is the best location. An exact location will not be determined until the final piece was selected after a call to artists.*

***Motion to send a memo resolution to the Council to approve of this location made by Nancy, Seconded by Beth. Motion passed.***

**6. Final review Hanover garage RFP-** *PARC received photos with dimensions that can be incorporated into the RFP. Discussion on a proposed timeline to complete the call to artists portion of the project from the release of RFP in mid August to notifying the chosen artist(s) in early November. This will be the first Percent for Art project in the City that submissions will be received digitally.*

**7. Vito di Bari concept for 2027-** *Proposes an exhibit around the food in art theme. Opportunities for additional programming that could include classes, restaurants. Should this be a public or private project? TBD at a future meeting.*

**8. Public comment:** *No members of the public spoke.*

**Next Meeting: August 26, 2026**

***Motion to adjourn made by Robin. Seconded by Jen. Motion approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pearson