

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

February 25, 2026 - 5:15 – 6:45PM  
Conference Room A

**Members Present:** Chris Dwyer, Heather Krans (new member), Jen Meister, Lennie Mullaney, Mara Witzling,

**Via Zoom:** Ernie Greenslade

**Absent:** Beth Hartnett, Robin Lurie Myerkopf, Nancy Pearson

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

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1. Welcome Heather Krans

- Newest member welcomed to committee; still 2 positions open
- Starting to rotate current members in renewal—no term limits

2. Agenda review

2. Vote to accept minutes of January 28 meeting

- Meeting minutes inadvertently not distributed; will be sent out and approved next meeting

4. Updates/wrap-ups:

--plan for re-dedication of Each One: the Button Project/Community Campus

- Signage ready; artist Sarah Haskell will be at small rededication; timing TBD

--update on gift from Sister City Santarcangelo

- Artist Tiziano Corbelli and City Councilor will be visiting Portsmouth March 26-April 2. Will be good opportunity to schedule meeting with PARC for better understanding of gift. UNH Italian Film Festival at Music Hall Lounge on March 29<sup>th</sup> could offer potential meeting date/time.

--annual report

- To be presented at next City Council meeting; Chris to present.

--Nebi progress

- March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting update with artist; feedback shared and will be reviewed with Native Americans representatives
- Maquette is nearly done and may be able to be viewed at studio
- Still at \$64K in donations (enough to cover current phase)
- Chris working with Legal on contract
- Impact on NH shoreline study needs to be created—may impact timing

--possible grant opportunities: Garden Club; Moose plate

- Potential opportunity for native plants installation for Serenity; DPW needs to be contacted
- Moose plate grants need to be investigated

--Master Plan open house April 22 Community Campus - 6 pm

- Draft vision and goals are available online along with survey; encouraged to take survey

5. Launch of RFP for Portsmouth 400th Anniversary Education & Public Art Trust (Ernie and Nancy): application; Q&A process; timeline and process for proposal review

- Applications are now open for an April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline (on PARC website)
- April meeting to be extended to review applications
- Help with public school art teachers' contact info

6. Exhibit space (Mara and Lennie)

- Reviewed considerations for City Hall art space; single theme; art appropriate for public space
- Additional sub-group members needed; Kate to ask Arts & Culture Committee for members
- Discussed using the first installation as Pilot Program to learn what is needed to roll out

7. Discuss Flash Vote: What did we learn? [Please review the document in advance]

<https://www.flashvote.com/portsmouth-nh/surveys/public-art-02-26?via=email&vote=true&filter=all#ai-summary-panel>

- Good response and summary
- Responses can be used as reference for upcoming projects

8. Begin planning for High-Hanover garage artwork: need for additional input; specification on placement/type of artwork; other parameters for RFP

- Budget for project is \$64K total; RFP for \$60K
- Feedback from Flash vote is substantial enough to start framing RFP process as outside murals or sculpture were preferred
- DPW needs to be integral part of RFP for their input; HDC will also need to be included if work is to be outside
- PARC to look at RFP at March meeting and follow similar timeline—RFP out in April for discussion in June

9. Public comment

- Randy Watson (local artist) was present and interested in discussions

Motion to adjourn made by Mara Witzling; Second by Lennie Mullaney. Motion approved.

Next Meeting: March 25, 2026

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Meister