

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

May 21, 2025 - 5:15 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room A

Members Present: Chris Dwyer, Ernie Greenslade; Beth Hartnett, Ellen Fineberg; Robin Lurie Myerkopf; Nancy Pearson, Mara Witzling

Absent: Jen Meister; Alyssa Murphy; Lennie Mullaney

City Council/Staff: Sean Clancy, Councilor Kate Cook

AGENDA

1. Welcome and agenda review
2. Updates:
 - Percent for Art: *DiBari sculpture for Peirce Island is assembled and will be delivered to Portsmouth by mid to late July to begin the installation process.*
 - Final version of Temporary Art guidelines: *Beth made some recommendations that clarified and refined the guidelines. Mara and Jen will redistribute the final version.*
 - Rotating art exhibit considerations/FAQs (for review at June meeting)
3. Vote to accept minutes of April 30 meeting: *Motion made by Ellen Fineberg. Second By Mara Witzling. Motion passed.*
4. Recommend location(s) for Fairy House sculpture: *Four proposed locations: 1. The Old Meeting House; 2. Corner of Marcy and Gardner Streets; 3. Prescott Park; 4. Haven Park. The Friends of the South End (FOSE) and the PARC agreed that Prescott Park was the best location as it is free from traffic, dogs, and snow plows. PARC will make that recommendation to the city council.*
5. Discuss plans for public art in Vaughan Mall renovations (guests: Peter Rice, Terrence Parker, Dave DeFosses) *PARC received a preliminary overview of the underground utilities and landscape redesign of Vaughn Mall as we contemplate a public project in that space. Dave reiterated that the area is intentionally designed not to be over-programmed and to allow for future art. There is the possibility of aligning our project in that space and we will pull together our LGBTQ stakeholders to bring them up to speed.*
6. Proposed donation of portrait of Liz Forkel by Judy Schubert: *PARC will draft a memo to send to the Council to accept the donation for the Recreation Department with advice to make sure*

the piece is framed and placed in a protective area. PARC can offer guidance in both of these areas as needed.

7. Public comment: *No members of the public spoke.*
8. Executive nonpublic session re: sculpture for Bohenko Park
9. Motion to adjourn made by Mara Witzling. Second by Beth Hartnett. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pearson