



PORTLAND-MILWAUKIE
LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

Date: July 7, 2011

Subject: **PMLR Public Art Advisory Committee
January 19, 2011 Meeting Summary**

Present: Mark Annen, Kristin Calhoun, Alicia Hamilton, Eleanore Hunter, Bob Hastings, Gary Michael, Cheryl Snow

Absent: Christine Bourdette, Jef Gunn, Matt Menely

Staff: Jennifer Koozer, Mary Priester, DeeAnn Sandberg, Paige Schlupp, Michelle Traver

Guests: Anna Valentina Murch, Doug Hollis, Tad Savinar

Staff Update

Michelle Traver informed the committee that most of the artist contracts were complete. She added an educational component to the Park, Lake and Kellogg Bridge contracts. Artists are participating in design coordination meetings.

Mary Priester is taking over responsibility for the west segment artist contracts.

Staff has produced a Public Art fact sheet and will be making presentations to the Design and Landmarks Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee this winter.

Concept Presentation: PMLR Bridge

Anna Valentina Murch and Doug Hollis presented their concept proposal for the sonic dish and sonic bike lane. Committee members were pleased with the elegance and simplicity of the sonic dish, but concerned that it would attract taggers. Although it is primarily a sound piece, it also needs to succeed visually. They were intrigued with the sonic bike lane but noted that it was untested and were skeptical that it could meet criteria of safety and durability. Staff agreed to present the concept to the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) before having the artists go any further with the design.

The committee did not have enough information to approve the concepts. They asked that the artists provide fuller renderings of the abutment wall treatment, information on maintenance requirements and the fabrication budget. If the BTA approves the sonic bike lane, artists will be asked to provide more details regarding fabrication and budget for of that element. The next step will be to build a fully-scaled mock up of the bike lane, providing evidence that the lane will perform as described.

Harbor Drive Structure

Mary proposed developing an art opportunity on the columns supporting the Harbor Drive Structure.

The committee did not approve the proposal.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2011.