



PORTLAND-MILWAUKIE
LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

Date: April 27, 2011

Subject: **PMLR Public Art Advisory Committee
April 6, 2011 Meeting Summary**

Present: Mark Annen, Christine Bourdette, Kristin Calhoun, Jef Gunn, Alicia Hamilton, Bob Hastings, Eleanore Hunter, Matt Menely, Gary Michael, Cheryl Snow

Staff: Kenny Asher (CoM), Jennifer Koozer, Mary Priester, DeeAnn Sandberg, Paige Schlupp, Claudia Steinberg, Michelle Traver

Staff update

Michelle Traver announced that the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail project received its notice to proceed (NTP) from the federal government. There have been numerous coordination meetings with artists and designers with the goal of having all concept proposals vetted before the 60% drawings are due in early June. The technical review of Thomas Sayre's proposal for Tacoma was successful. Seyed Alavi provided an image of his proposed sculpture with mosaic; a final design will not be due until this fall.

Preliminary Concept Presentation: Powell Blvd

Horatio Law made his proposal presentation via phone conference for the Powell Blvd area. Many of the committee comments were regarding the vulnerability of the skate boards to vandalism.

The committee did not approve the concept and asked the artist to revise it with the following direction:

- Concentrate work in underpass area
- Engage community in creation of a "civil presence"
- Consider using bike parts of Totem proposal in underpass
- Consider possibility of interactivity.

Concept Presentation: Kellogg Bridge

Thom Faulders presented his and Andre Caradec's proposal for the Kellogg Bridge. The committee comments were favorable regarding the use of the plastic bottle and the type and scope of the pattern under the bridge.

The committee approved the concept with no qualifications. City of Milwaukie staff asked that the artists consider Kronberg Park when choosing final locations for the artwork.

Proposal for Lincoln St. Artist

Mary Priester proposed to commission Elizabeth Conner to develop artwork for Lincoln St. Station. There are two possible locations for a sculpture, one of which is on private property across from the station platform. Conner is a very experienced public artist and sculptor whose level of sophistication would be well suited to the downtown station. She is also one of the few

remaining artists already interviewed by the committee and could be brought on quickly to meet the 60% schedule. The goal would be to create a sculpture with reference to the Halprin District and/or the trees that will be removed to make way for the station.

The committee approved the proposal to commission Elizabeth Conner.

Proposal for Trolley Trail Artist

Michelle proposed a commission for the Trolley Trail, possibly using wood from trees removed for light rail construction. She suggested several possible artists, drawn from the Regional Emerging Artist shortlist. Due to lack of time, the committee tabled discussion of this proposal until their next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2011.