



PORTLAND-MILWAUKIE
LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

Date: September 27, 2011

Subject: **PMLR Public Art Advisory Committee
September 21, 2011 Meeting Summary**

Present: Mark Annen, Kristin Calhoun, Jef Gunn, Eleanore Hunter, Matt Menely, Gary Michael, Cheryl Snow

Absent: Christine Bourdette, Bob Hastings

Staff: Jennifer Koozer, Mary Priester, Claudia Steinberg, Michelle Traver

Guests: Vincent Alvarez, Teresa Boyle, Brian Goldbloom, Horatio Law, Dana Lynn Louis, Beth Ragel

Milwaukie NDA

Vincent Alvarez, a representative of the Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association (NDA) leadership group, extended an apology to the PAAC on behalf of the group for the tone of the letter they had previously sent to Neil McFarlane about public outreach. He complimented the committee and staff for their “good job of informing the public” and said he looked forward to future communications.

Budget Issues

Because of the difference between base year and year of expenditure, the art program has an additional \$172,000 in its budget.

Staff presented estimates for the mockup, fabrication and installation of the Sonic Bike Path. The bike path is not currently in the budget and the committee decided not to allocate the approximately \$200,000 estimated for the project. Unresolved technical issues and potential safety risks were additional factors in the committee’s decision not to proceed with the proposal.

The cost of fabricating “Rebirth” as originally proposed is approximately \$80,000 more than budgeted. The artist has proposed fabricating the sculpture in Fiberglass in order to stay within budget. The relative durability of this material in this application is not acceptable to TriMet staff. The PAAC did not approve the additional budget and the artist will be asked to revise his proposal or submit a new one.

Staff recommended using some of the additional funds to reinstate the system-wide column treatment commission. This commission would be for an artist with specific expertise in mosaic, and allow the station artists to focus their resources on their main projects. The committee approved adding approximately \$145,000 for a system-wide column treatment commission, except for Milwaukie/Main St station where an exception was made, since the artist has proposed a column treatment that is integral to his overall concept.

Final Design and Update: Milwaukie/Main St Station

Brian Goldbloom presented his final design for the sculptural element integrated into the stormwater facility at the south entrance. The suspended stone sculpture initially proposed for the north entrance did not meet Safety Certification criteria and was deleted. The artist introduced his idea for a piece related to the historic flour mill that was one Milwaukie's first businesses at a new location east of the north entrance. The committee approved the final design for the south element and encouraged the artist to develop his concept for the north.

Concept Update: SE Bybee Blvd Station

Dana Lynn Louis presented an update for Bybee Blvd Station with sketches indicating the type of natural imagery she intends to use for each of the seven components of her installation. Members approved Louis' design, but asked that she resubmit more formal materials.

Concept Presentation: Powell Underpass

Horatio Law presented a concept design for the Powell Underpass called "Monsters in the Rock." The committee did not formally approve the concept, but were very favorable about the design direction of the proposal.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2011.