Arts Education and Access Fund Citizen Oversight Committee (AOC) MEETING NOTES

Date: June 25, 2013
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Columbia Square Building, 111 SW Columbia St, Suite 800, Portland
Attendees: AOC members: Yulia Arakelyan, Oscar Arana, Jim Cox, Victoria Dinu, Erika Foin, Alina Harway, Kimberly Howard, Carter MacNichol, Juan Martinez, Cherie-Anne May, Stanley Penkin, Gwen Sullivan, Mark Wubbold
City of Portland staff: Thomas Lannom, Barbra Rice, Scott Moede, Terri Williams, Noah Siegel, Meghann Fertal
Public: David McKay, Carol Smith, Cheryl Williamson, Craig Gibons, Mark Burdon, Patt Komar, David Wynde, Jon Isaacs, Noah Siegel, Jeff Hawthorne
Did Not Attend: Lionel Clegg, Susan Denning, Steven Nance, Chip Shields

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
   a. Welcome and announcements by Stanley Penkin, Co-Chair.
      - Round table brief introductions.

2. **Review and Approval of Meeting Notes**
   - Meeting notes from 4/23/13 meeting were approved with no comments or objections.

3. **Chair Report (Stanley Penkin)**
   - Four resignations for Oversight Committee:
     i. Anita Yapp, Co-Chair
     ii. Kevin Jones
     iii. Alyssa Macy
     iv. Kimberly Howard
   - With the resignations, Penkin asked the Committee about its feelings regarding a co-chair replacement. After some discussion, Penkin indicated that he is amenable to chairing without a co-chair. Especially with the resignation of Kimberly Howard as metrics Committee Chair due to her moving out of Portland, Penkin expressed the need for a new Metrics Chair and the need for additional members on all the committees.

4. **Status Update Presentation (Thomas Lannom)**
   a. Thomas Lannom, Revenue Bureau Director, provided an update of the Arts Tax Program through June 25, 2013 (see attached PowerPoint presentation) and responded to a number of questions from the committee about pending lawsuits, fund disbursement, and projections.
      - The disbursement of funds is dependent on the outcome of the lawsuit. If the City doesn't prevail, the City, the school districts and RACC have agreed to equally share the risk.
      - There is no formal projection because of modifications to the tax (see Resolution No. 37007 and Ordinance No. 185960) – still consistent with initial projections of about $10 million within 24 months because of the layers of compliance.
      - In regards to disbursement of the funds, the schools get first priority. Once they receive their payments, the remainder will go to the designated arts institutions.
      - There will be the City Council Work Session on July 24th at which Thomas will be presenting alternate arts tax structure options. Penkin encouraged the whole committee to attend this work session. Portland Public School Board declared that they would be attending.

5. **Metrics Sub Committee Report (Kimberly Howard)**
   a. Kimberly Howard provided an update of the Metrics Sub Committee (see attached PowerPoint presentation) and responded to questions.
      - In search of a starting point to determine how to measure the success of students and the tax, the Sub Committee does not want to use the 2012-2013 school year due to the onetime $7 million agreement between the Teachers Association, City of Portland and School Boards.
      - For the next Metrics Sub Committee meeting, it was decided to reflect on risk sharing with school districts, to carefully look at IGAs and propose IGAs to term out at the end of the year to look forward to next year.
      - Penkin expressed that, although not necessarily a direct charge to the committee, in the future the Committee should be considering outcomes relating to the success of students as a result of better access to the arts.

6. **Discussion with School Representatives**
   a. Portland Public Schools (PPS), Jon Isaacs
      - This tax is keeping the Arts Program alive in schools
      - Hopeful that all agreements are met from IGA
   b. Portland Public Schools (PPS), David Wynde
      - PPS provided a handout (see attached supplemental pdf) that shows a two year comparison of baseline and projected FTE arts teacher data.
      - Initial estimates for teachers was 45 FTE, $4.5mil, because of uncertainty from the pending lawsuits, PPS has staffed 30 FTE for 2013-2014 year.
      - Discussions surrounded school funding resources revolving around district general fund, district funding, and the Arts Tax. Questions revolved around the measurables to use for seeking information of arts teacher staffing.
      - Discussions focused on Metrics Sub Committee search of a starting point baseline for measuring success of the Arts Tax; conclusion was to use 2011-2012 school year as baseline since it was the starting point for the Arts Tax discussion and ballot measure.
      - It was agreed that the school districts would provide within four weeks of this meeting FTE data in the same format as that presented by PPS .

7. **Communications Sub Committee (Victoria Dinu)**
      - Oversight Committee wants a separate website from the City of Portland in order to maintain its own identity and be recognized as a public voice; wants template to appear simplistic in design, sustainable, relevant, and constantly updated.
      - Content should include collage of committee members, mission statement, meeting information, minutes, agendas, links to relevant and corresponding websites, announcements, FAQs and bylaws.

8. **Next Meeting (September 10)**

9. **Public Comment (none)**

10. **Adjourn**
    a. Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Meghann Fertal 7/30/2013