Arts Education and Access Citizen Oversight Committee (AOC)
August 2017 Meeting

Date: August 14, 2017
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: Wy’east Room, Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St.

Attendees: AOC Members: Mika Ansley, Srule Brachman, Alison Chambers, Michael Cummings, Carmen Denison, Niel DePonte, Craig Gibons, Nancy Helmsworth, Maddelyn High, Lori Howell, David Huff
City of Portland Staff: Thomas Lannom (by phone), Terri Williams, Scott Karter, Amira Streeter
Public: Kristen Brayson (PPS), Jeff Hawthorne (RACC), Stan Penkin (Member Emeritus), Marna Stalcup (RACC)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment – no public in attendance at this time
3. Agenda Items
   a. Minutes and review of last meeting (Craig)
      i. Minutes approved as written
   b. 5% Expense Limitation Memo (action item) (Craig and Thomas)
      i. Discussion
         1. Revenue Division recommendation of first option (establish a fixed base collection cost of $1.2 million and end the cost limitation percentage: increase the collection budget).
         2. RACC executive board has reviewed and discussed memo and finds the second option not viable. Recommended fourth option (Subsidize Arts Tax collection and fix the 5% cost limitation accounting only; keep the collection budget flat) or fifth option which was not listed on earlier draft (Subsidize Arts Tax collection; increase the collection budget)
      ii. Proposal from committee – hybrid to council: First option and then add a second point to consider indexing the Arts Tax rate to an inflationary index such that the $35 assessment is gradually increased to keep pace with inflation.
   c. Discuss annual Report (Craig and Nancy)
      i. 1/25 page 14 (any change recommendations by next Monday Recommendations made last year any comments, please send to Craig

4. Adjournment

City Council Presentation: 2:00 Wednesday, Sept 13 at City Hall
Next Committee Meeting: 6:00 Monday, Sept 18 at Vibe Studio, 5633 SE Division St.