

SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2017

The Planning Committee convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Nixon room for the purpose of taking public comment on whether the wall at the wastewater treatment plant at the East End in Portland should continue to remain public art space. In attendance from the Board of Trustees were Trustees Nisha Swinton, Gary Libby, Jamie Willey and William Lunt. Approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding their views on continuing the wall as public art space. Of the speakers, 1 spoke in favor of discontinuing the wall as art space; 1 speaker said he was conflicted about continuing the wall as art space, noting that public spaces where people could practice their art was important, however a building that he manages gets tagged on a daily basis and he is frustrated and at a loss as to what to do to stop it. All other speakers spoke in support of continuing the wall as public art space.

The meeting was recorded.

The Planning Committee informed the public that at its next meeting, on February 13th, it will discuss the public comment and formulate a recommendation to the full Board of Trustees on the matter. The Committee expects that the matter will be decided by the full Board at its February 27th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.