Briefing: Portland Monuments Project

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION FEBRUARY 26,2024





AGENDA

- Background
- Public Engagement with Portland's Monuments and Memorials Report
- 5.74.090 Public Monuments Review Policy
- Upcoming Community Engagement and Creative Programming
- Historic Landmarks Commission Reviews
- Questions?



MONUMENTS IN STORAGE











Theodore Roosevelt, Rough Rider, 1922; bronze; granite

George Washington, 1926; bronze; granite

Abraham Lincoln, 1927; bronze; granite

Harvey Scott, 1933; bronze; basalt

The Promised Land, 1993; bronze; granite





GUIDING QUESTIONS



What do Portlanders think about the current collection of monuments in the City's Public Art Collection?



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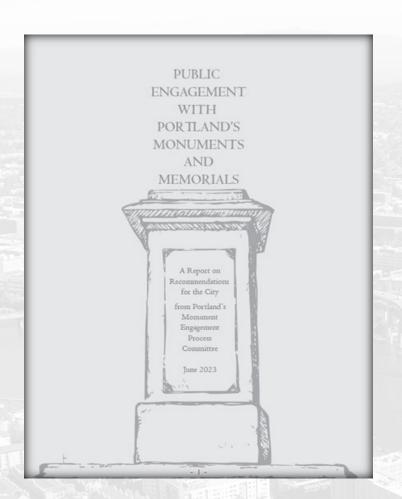
How can public monuments promote the City of Portland's core values of equity, anti-racism, collaboration, communication, transparency, and fiscal responsibility?



How can Portland be adaptive and open to evolution with its use of public space and art to hold memory and historical stories?



What principles and practices should guide the City's decisions about monuments and modifications to public art for new interpretations of history and enhancing public education about the monuments in the City's Public Art Collection?



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Monuments and memory work website
- Walking tours and scavenger hunts
- Public talks and conversations
- Arts programming
- Archive
- Adopt Monument Review Guidelines



5.74.085 PUBLIC MONUMENTS REVIEW POLICY OVERVIEW

- Establishes public complaint process for City of Portland-owned monuments
- Defines Public Monument Review Criteria
- Designates City Arts Program as responsible for responding to Complaints
- Defines Public Monument in City Code



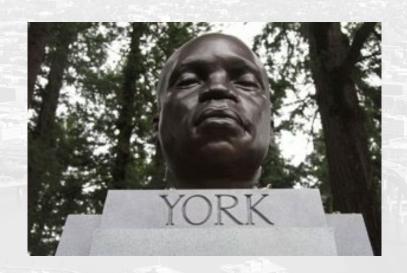




PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT







COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CREATIVE PROGRAMMING

- Public Talks & Conversations
- Call to Artists
- Citywide Mural Project
- Visual Storytelling Project



	Abraham Lincoln 1927	George Washington 1926	Theodore Roosevelt 1922	Promised Land 1993	Harvey Scott 1933	YORK York 2021
Original Location	South Park Blocks	German American Society property	South Park Blocks Historic District	Chapman Square	Mt Tabor Park	Mt Tabor Park
Historic Designation	South Park Blocks National Register Historic District	Significant Resource	South Park Blocks National Register Historic District	Chapman Square Historic Landmark	Contributing Resource in Mt. Tabor Historic District	Contributing Resource in Mt. Tabor Historic District
Status	Toppled June 2020, in storage	Toppled June 2020, in storage	Toppled June 2020, in storage	Removed June 2020, in storage	Toppled June 2020, in storage	Destroyed July 2021
Removal Process	120-day Demolition Delay	120-day Demolition Delay	120-day Demolition Delay	Process to be confirmed	Type 4 Demolition Review or reclassify. Reclassification requires amendment to historic district nomination	None if pedestal remains
Future Location	Return to South Park Blocks	Relocate to Washington Park	Return to South Park Blocks	No location identified	No location identified	Stay in Mt. Tabor Park
Relocation / Alteration Process	Historic Resource Review not required	Historic Resource Review required	Historic Resource Review not required	Historic Resource Review required if alterations proposed	Unknown	Historic Resource Review required

Questions?





