

NEWS

Public input sought on Arts Place development

The Star Press

Published 8:36 a.m. ET Jan. 23, 2015 | Updated 8:37 a.m. ET Jan. 23, 2015

PORTLAND – The public is invited to a community input meeting for development of the Portland Center of Arts Place.

The session will be 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Portland Center, 131 E. Walnut St. To allow for adequate seating, those wishing to attend are encouraged to call Arts Place at (260) 726-4809 or email Eric Rogers at erogers@artsland.org.

Arts Place is at the beginning phase of planning for a capital project that is expected to result in major improvements to the Portland Center. The session will be facilitated by Sara Peterson, a planning consultant. The architectural firm for the project is Taylor & Associates of Muncie.

The Portland Center was opened in 1983, with more than \$500,000 raised for the capital project. The facility was tripled in space in 2000, after a capital campaign that raised more than \$2.4 million. The current center includes a 283-seat theater, a reception hall, art galleries, music and visual arts studios, meeting rooms and offices. The campus also includes an arts park used for demonstrations and workshops.

Activities of Arts Place are made possible, in part, with the support of the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.