

**Baltimore Public Art Commission**

July Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, 9:30-11:00 AM

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- **Call to Order** –Aaron Bryant, Chair
- **April 2019 Minutes**-*approved*
  
- **General Program Updates:**
  - Staff acknowledged that the Commission had been a brief hiatus due to overall disruptions in Citywide government operations.
  - The change in Mayor and the ransomware attack took a toll on the public art program's ability to make and meet deadlines. Some projects were significantly delayed. Staff stepped in to assist some projects to be delivered on time and the artists to make important deadlines.
  - Three INSPIRE funded projects (*Pimlico, Arlington, and Fort Worthington*) are set to come in on schedule and Art on the Waterfront funded with South Baltimore Gateway funds is proceeding as planned. Other long-term projects have had some set-back.
  - Staff is operating with the understanding that the Commission, which was appointed by Mayor Pugh in January 2019 will remain in place under Mayor Young though some seats may shift based on 1) appointed seats or 2) availability and schedules.
  - The Commission will now resume monthly meetings scheduled for 9:30 am on the 2nd Friday of every month.
  
- **Design Review & Vote:** Artist 60% Design Review- East Side Health & Wellness Center  
**Agency Partner:** Dept. of Health and Dept. of General Services;  
**Artists:** Cobalt Collective **Budget:** \$100K
  - Cobalt Collective presented a plans for interior and exterior murals/signage at East Side Health Center property- \*Refer to attachments for full plans/packet
  - The Commission's directives to the artists :
  - - 1) Do not include facial imagery or anthropomorphized objects in the murals. 2) Focus on making each "wallpaper" design something very special to the facility, something that feels almost site-specific and/or customized to this facility and only made possible through this art commission. 3) The commission relied on the artists to work with the facility design team to determine the best placement of the exterior way-finding graphics, 4) the commission responded very positively to the

exterior mural that was based on the first vaccination but wondered if there should be more context included with the image.

- **Vote:** The Commission postponed approving the design and asked the artists to return with the next stage of design development.

**Attendance:**

Commissioners:

Aaron Bryant, Chair

Alma Roberts

Danielle Brock

Kirk Shannon Butts

Kuo Pao Lian

Sam Holmes

BOPA Staff:

C. Ryan Patterson, Public Art Administrator

Lou Joseph, Visual Arts Specialist

Jennifer Martin, Department of Health

Greg Gannon

Carrol

Lindsey

Hannah Moran

ATTACHMENTS: