June 2024 Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC) Meeting

MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting Locations:

IN-PERSON: Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts 7 St. Paul Street 1st Floor – Clipper Room Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PAC Meeting Time:

Friday, June 21, 2024 10:00AM - 11:30AM

June 2024 Minutes

1. Call to Order

PAC Chair Aaron Bryant brought the June 2024 Baltimore City Public Art Commission meeting to order at 10:20AM.

2. Roll Call

PAC Chair Bryant asked PAC Administrator, Kirk Shannon-Butts, to conduct a roll call.

Aaron Bryant - Present Jacqueline Bershad - Present Lady Brion – Present Jessica Bell Brown - Present Danielle Brock – Present Jaz Erenberg - Present Sam Christian Holmes - Present Evan Richardson - Present Alma Roberts – Present

The PAC has a quorum.

3. Minutes

PAC Chair Bryant asked for a motion to approve the minutes after asking commissioners if they had any questions regarding adopting the May 2024 PAC meeting minutes. With no objections, Commission Brion made a motion to accept the May PAC meeting minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Erenberg. With that, the commissioners voted and accepted the May 2024 minutes.

4. Updates

- Baltimore City Solicitor Ebony Thompson responded to the PAC's questions. The solicitor's replies were shared with the PAC and can be viewed <u>here</u>.
- Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) provided PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts with an update on their Gift of Public Art to the Baltimore City Public Art Collection. BHCA is working with a certified conservationist to obtain conservation reports for all the art works as requested by the PAC as well as maps of final placements for the artworks, and the letter of donation from

the donors: Nancy Dorman and Stanley Mazaroff.

5. Lake Clifton Artwork

Councilwoman Odette Ramos, Baltimore City, District 14, joined the PAC to discuss the status and future of the artwork at Lake Clifton. In 2021, the PAC requested a conservation report on the Lake Clifton artwork. The conservation report was conducted by Diane Fullick of Fullick Conservation LLC. With this report, documentation, and assessment conclusion the PAC voted to deaccession three (3) mosaic artworks from Betty Wells, Aleksandra Kasuba, and James Brown.

Councilwoman Ramos has visited the Lake Clifton site with Cindy Kelly, Mary Ann Mears, and Linda DePalma as district 14 community members and Lake Clifton alumnae have expressed interest in saving the three (3) deaccessioned artworks.

Councilwoman Ramos shared stories from the community including how Lake Clifton was the community's source for art when other art institutions were out of reach for the community. The Councilwoman and community are raising funds to protect and move the artworks from the Lake Clifton site. The cost is estimated at \$364,700.

The PAC will work with the Councilwoman, the community, Morgan State University, and the Mayor's Office in their efforts to secure and save these three (3) artworks.

6. Gift of Public Art Presentation

Sarah Hope (Project Manager) of the Greater Baybrook Alliance, Inc. (GBA) joined by Mark Phelps of the Department of Recreation & Parks and artist, Andy Dahl joined the PAC to present their proposal and project of the gift of public art for the Baltimore City Public Art Collection.

Sarah gave the PAC an overview of GBA and their project: Sculptures for Duane Avenue Park:

Artist: Andy Dahl

Name of the Art Work: Hojas de Laurel/Laurel Leaves

Address of the Art Work: Farring Baybrook Park- Corner of 6th St. and Duane Ave.

Scope: 5-8 Bay leaf sculptures, fabricated out of ¼ inch aluminum, powder coated, and anchored to

individual concrete bases designed by a structural engineer.

Dimension of the Art Work: Each leaf is approximately 11 ft long, 6 ft wide, and 7.5 ft tall.

The presentation with all of the PAC prerequisites can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Due to Councilwoman Ramos' presentation, the PAC did not maintain a quorum to vote on this gift/project.

PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts invited Sarah and her team back to the September PAC meeting to represent their project and for the PAC to vote.

7. Commissioners Q & A

PAC Chair Bryant checked to see if the PAC had a quorum. As the meeting ran over its scheduled 10AM until 11:00AM time, there was no longer a quorum for a discussion for the Duane Avenue Park project as presented by Sarah Hope of the Greater Baybrook Alliance.

8. News from the PAC No news.

9. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned by PAC Chair Bryant at 12:20PM.