

October 2024
Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC)

Minutes

PAC Meeting Time:

Friday, October 25, 2024
10:00AM - 11:30AM
In-Person & Zoom

In Person Location:

BOPA / Baltimore Arts Council Office
7 St. Paul Street
1st Floor – Clipper Room

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1. Call to Order

PAC Chair Aaron Bryant called the October 2024 Baltimore City Public Art Commission meeting to order at 10:08AM.

2. Roll Call

PAC Administrator, Kirk Shannon-Butts, conducted roll call:

Aaron Bryant, Chair - Present
Jacqueline Bershada - Present
Lady Brion - Present
Danielle Brock - Present
Jaz Erenberg - Present
Sam Christian Holmes - Absent
Evan Richardson - Present
Alma Roberts – Absent

A quorum was established.

3. Updates

1% For Art Fund

- 1% For Art Fund - The Mayor’s Senior Advisor on Arts & Culture, Tonya Miller Hall, was not present for the PAC meeting. Chair Bryant and the PAC asked for Ms. Miller Hall to be present at the November PAC meeting scheduled for Friday, November 15th at 10AM. Until then, the PAC requested a written update and status on the 1% For Art Fund process that the Mayor’s Office has been working on. PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts, stated he will request Ms. Miller Hall for the November PAC meeting as well as a written update until the next PAC meeting.

Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) - Gift of Public Art

- Bolton Hill Community Association – Gift of Public Art – Lee Tawney of the Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) joined the PAC for an update on the five (5) sculptures the BHCA is gifting to the Baltimore City Public Art Collection. The five (5) pieces were voted on in May 2024 and accepted with the following conditions:

- 1. Each sculpture has a Conservation Report.
- 2. There is a diagram with the location of each of the artworks.
- 3. Letter of Agreement from the donor: Nancy Dorman and Stanley Mazaroff.
- Mr. Tawney announced that one of the artworks was taken out after the PAC expressed concerns over the safety of the artwork due to its thin metal frame facing the public.
- The PAC discussed the need to have a re-vote now that the gift has been modified from five (5) pieces of sculpture to four (4).
- Mr. Tawney shared that all the requested documents that the PAC requested have been secured and sent to PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts.
- Commissioner Danielle Brock asks to see the Minutes of the meeting with the vote to review the PAC conditions of final acceptance. PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts stated he will send all PAC commissioners those meeting minutes.
- PAC Chair Bryant asked when PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts will have the BHCA document to the commissioners. PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts stated that he will have the minutes and the BHCA Gift of Public Art documents to the PAC in 10 days.

New PAC Commissioners Call

- New PAC Commissioners Call – The call for new PAC commissioners closes on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Currently, there are 12-15 submissions to replace the four (4) termed out PAC Commissioners: Aaron Bryant, Jacqueline Bershada, Sam Christian Holmes, and Alma Roberts.
- PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts shared that the Mayor selects the PAC Chair.
- The resumes, CV, and credentials will be forwarded to the Mayor’s Office on November 12th.
- In December the Mayor’s Office will select the new PAC commissioners.
- In January 2025, the Mayor will swear in the new PAC Commissioners with the new PAC Chair.
- Commissioner Brion asked about commissioners’ capacity to be PAC Chair. PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts shared that commissioners have the right not to accept the PAC Chair position.

4. Commissioners Q & A

- The Commissioners took this time to revisit the PAC process and its procedures as the PAC begins its new session in January.
- Commissioner Brion expressed concern over the institutional knowledge the exiting PAC commissioners possess and sharing that knowledge.
- Commissioner Richardson spoke of his enthusiasm for the PAC.
- Commissioner Brion inquired about the movement of the remaining 1% For Art funds as submitted to city agencies.
- PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts shared there has been no movement nor funds delivered from the city agencies.
- Commissioner Richardson asked for a meeting outside of the PAC meeting for PAC Commissioners to fully get an understanding of the PAC process and procedures.
- PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts stated he will arrange a meeting for the newest PAC commissioners to discuss and answer questions on the PAC and 1% For Art processes and procedures.
- Commissioner Erenberg inquired about the life of the PAC – the status of the PAC.
- Commissioner Richardson expressed his concerns that the citizens of Baltimore City are missing out when the PAC cannot greenlight public art projects.

5. News from the PAC

No news from the PAC.

6. Adjourn

The October 2024 PAC meeting was adjourned at 11:18AM.