

I. Baltimore Public Art Commission Monthly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 17 2022, Virtually, 10:30 AM – 11:06 AM

**II. Role Call**

**Commissioners**

Aaron Bryant

Sam Christian Holmes

Jacqueline Bershad

Alma Roberts

Kuo Pao Lian

**BOPA Staff**

Kirk Shannon-Butts, Public Art, and Curation Manager

Christopher Brooks, Assistant Director of the Arts Council

**Guest**

Lorber, Allysha (DOT)

Mejias, Maritza (DOT)

Graham Coreil-Allen [Graham Projects]

Hardy, Jarek (DPW)

Falon Mihalic, Artist

### III. May Minutes

- Sam Holmes Motioned to accept the minutes.
  - Alma Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Holmes motion
  - Everyone agreed

### IV. Updates

- New PAC commissioners
  - New commission requested closed Wednesday.
    - Mayor is reviewing resumes now to fill 3 seats on the PAC
- Public Art Gift – Admiral William Brown from the Argentine Navy & Embassy
- Dundalk Avenue Public Art Project

### V. New Business

- Central Avenue Public Art Project Presentation with Graham Coreil-Allen and Falon Mihalic.
  - Falon Mihalic and Graham Coreil-Allen were commissioned for Central Ave. art project in 2016. Below are the updates.
    - The project is a obelisk-like periscope illuminated monument that provides elevated views of the neighborhood while colorfully displaying the water cycle of precipitation.
      - Inspired by local waterways, including City Spring, Harford Run, and the Patapsco river.
    - Updated budget
      - In total: \$131, 340.00
      - Please see presentation for additional details regarding

### VI. Q&A

- Aaron Bryant asked, “What was approved by the PAC in 2016?”
  - Elma Roberts added, “and what was the delay in the project?”
    - Graham Coreil-Allen responded saying, “Originally the project was approved when it was only acrylic panels and not lights.” It was delayed because the artists were advised to hold off until the streetscape was created, in which has been delayed in itself.”
  - Kuo Pao Lian asked, “ What was the original budget for this project, and what is the delta now and who’s covering this? Also, were the concerns addressed regarding the project from the last meeting that was had regarding in 2016?”
    - Graham responded saying, “The old budget was \$50,000.00. The city will be contributing the remaining.

- Falom Mihalic added that based on her experience in public art since then she realized that acrylic is not best for the project being that it's outside.
- Jacqueline Bershad asked for clarity regarding the understanding of the 1% that will be used for this project. She also asked "is there a battery system for the project, and are there any opportunity for landscaping around the project. She also asked, "what is being asked of the PAC?"
  - Graham responds
    - The current comptroller clarified that the city will be practicing the 1% more vigorously. DOT confirmed that they have been tracking the budget for the project and they're funds allocated regarding the project.
    - yes, "there's a battery built in and it is light censored. The lights only come on at night.
  - Falom Mihalic added regarding landscaping,
    - There are 2 street trees allocated to be placed around the project.
      - Graham added that they are "restricted to work due to a right of entry set back 20 feet from the sidewalk line. They can only work on the Central avenue side."
- Elma Roberts asked, "Over the 6 years have we had any new engagement with the community regarding the project."
  - Graham responded, no. They'd be happy to re-introduce the project to the community in any coming meetings regarding the community.
    - "Falom agreed with wanting to re introduce the project to the community, old and new stake holders.
- Sam Holmes asked, "Regarding the river that ran underneath the project. Has it been engineered properly. Also, how much does the project weigh and what would need to be installed to keep the project lifted?"
  - He also added that he worked with Graham in the past, but Sam Holmes has no relations to the project.
  - Graham responded saying, " they have a structural engineer from Structural Solutions on the team who did the 1<sup>st</sup> initial pass of engineering documents. This is 50% complete but is ongoing.
    - The weight is more than covered, designed by the structural engineer.
  - Sam Holmes asked them to address the height and the structure and its safety.
    - Graham added that all of that is addressed and stamped in the initial engineer documents.
      - Elma Roberts requested updated documents regarding the new updates/ changes."
        - Graham said that they are working on updating once the budget is updated.
        - Falom agreed with, Sam Holmes.
- Kuo Pao Lian, wanted to confirm that the project changed to solar power.
  - Graham said yes, they have a solar engineer on the project.

- Kuo Pao Lian recommended the team to speak with a line engineer by the name of, Glen.
  - Glen has a lot of view points regarding solar energy and why it may or may not work for this type of project. He wants to assure that the project is successful.
    - Falom added that there is a conduit back-up energy source. Ideally they will prefer solar power.
      - Kuo Pao Lian added he just wanted to confirm the longevity of the project being solar.
        - Graham is open to adding the budget to work with the line engineer.
- Allysha Lorber, from DOT said she think that the project is great, and excited for the project.
  - She added that DOT cannot take on the maintenance/ responsibility of this project. DOT would need additional resources to be responsible for the maintenance needs of the project.
- Aaron Bryant asked Kirk what does BOPA need from the PAC.
  - Kirk responded saying that the project was already approved.
    - Graham added that things will needed to be updated regarding the new additions.
      - Kirk added we should update the project plan in full. He asked Aaron for his opinion.
        - Aaron Bryant adds to approve the project only after the concerns are addressed and fixed.
- Kirk motioned to defer action going forward until a review of the new concerns are folded into a new agreement regarding.
  - Reports with stamps
  - Maintenance/
  - engineering plan
  - operation plan /Energy source (solar) plan
  - Assured that the artwork wont be isolated within the aread.
- Sam Holmes 2nd this motion'
  - Everyone agreed accept for Jaqueline Bershard whom voted neutral.
    - She's excited about the project and want to assure that it will work.
      - Graham said that his team is unable to provide some of the updates that the PAC request. They've exhausted all of their resources.
        - Alma Roberts interjected to come back to the motion to defer. She also requested that Kirk follow up with Graham regarding.
- Graham and Falom thanked the PAC, and left the meeting.

VII. News from the PAC

- Elma Roberts will be part of a “Woman of Color,” exhibition in Columbia and has invited the PAC and guest to attend.

VIII. Adjourn

**Meeting adjourned at 06/17/22 at 11:30 am**