

BALTIMORE OFFICE OF PROMOTION & THE ARTS
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Prior Meeting Minutes

Commission approved the minutes from January 2017 unanimously

Program Report: Creating a Collection Management System & Database for the City of Baltimore

Staff Ryan Patterson explained the call for the City to have a comprehensive collection management database has been an ongoing issue. Such a database is necessary for multiple agencies and offices within the city to have a single repository for information and records about the public art collection, and for the public to search and find information about artwork in the City's collection.

BOPA is taking the lead in establishing this database for the City and are working in partnership with the Mayors Office of Information Technology on how to best implement a new database system. BOPA staf provided market research to MOIT, and both agreed that the [Arches system](#), developed by the Getty Institute and the World Monuments Fund was the best option for the City's needs.

Staff shared a short video describing the operations of Arches.

MOIT advised that the City could not program/customize Arches for the city, but that BOPA should look for an outside consultant to perform these duties. BOPA and MOIT conducted interviews and received comparable quotes from two consultants with experience implementing Arches and have chosen to proceed with Farallon GIS. Farallon has since provided BOPA staff with a Scope of Work and quote for approx \$60,000 for their service in customizing and establishing the platform.

The Commissioners responded positively to the functions and capabilities of Arches and the direction of the project. Commissioner Oster planned to provide Staff with further comments on the Scope provided by Farallon.

Establishing Commission Subcommittees for Conservation & Maintenance & reviewing the Public Art Guidelines

Commission Chair, requested the current policies and guidelines be circulated electronically to the Commission for review. Commissioners agreed to submit any suggested edits or revisions via email.

Attending

PAC Commissioners:

Mary Demory
Elford Jackson
Kuo Pao Lian
Brian Oster
Scott Rykiel

Staff:

Ryan Patterson

Public:

Vicki Jones, Bethesda Arts