

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

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2016

GENERAL BUSINESS, NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Approval of Minutes:

Commission Approved July 20, 2016 minutes.

Policy Updates

Deaccession Policy:

A final copy of the Deaccession policy was circulated to the Commission. Staff informed the commission that City Hall and Legal had completed their review and this would be the final copy of this policy. The deaccession policy draft was first shared with them in July and they have had since that time to provide comment and suggested revisions.

The Chair noted that the City Legal counsel had previously informed the commission that they serve in an advisory role and while commissioners may have suggested edits or revisions, the commission has no authority to force the city to accept them.

The Commissioners suggested minor revisions for clarification, and approved the revised document as an informational document that had been provided for their review. The Chair asked that any further commentary regarding the policy be sent to Staff.

The policy, with minor revisions, and additional Commissioner commentary is attached as Exhibit I

Vote: Unanimous

Project Review:

Waverly Branch Enoch Pratt Free Library-

Action Requested: Final approval of Ebon Heath's design for artwork to be located behind the main circulation desk of the branch.

Artist, Ebon Heath presented his final designs for the artwork by phone. His presentation is attached as Exhibit II. Selected PAC commentary is below

Elford Jackson and Kuo Pao Lian asked about the wall material that the work would be bolted into. The artist responded that it was sheet rock over cement wall.

Kuo Pao suggested you may want to consider a bolt set deeper into the concrete and including a washer between the bolt and the wall. The artist said he would consult with the installation team for this.

Brian Oster noted that the design on page 12, is the only quote that is a single voice over two separate elements, and pointed out that while most of the project seemed very considered, this was the only element that seemed conceptually disconnected.

Jeremy Rountree asked the artist to consider how the pieces undulate off the wall, and that he may consider “weaving” various layers in and out rather than stacking them in succession. The artist responded that he had experimented with “weaving them in and out slightly and would look into brining more of the behind layers to a higher surface.

The Commission approved the final design of the artwork as presented.

Vote: Unanimous.

Central Avenue Streetscape

Action Requested-Select and approve one of the concepts developed by the artist

Selected artist team, Fallon Graham Land Art presented three distinct project concepts that they had developed for the Central Avenue Streetscape. After conversation, the Commission approved the artists to move forward with developing the third, Periscope, concept. The commission also appreciated the water poetry concept and Staff said that they would continue to explore ways to find additional funding that may allow the artists to include this concept in addition to the Periscope.

The team’s full presentation of the three concepts is attached as Article III.

Vote: Unanimous

Rash Field Improvements:

Action Requested- Approve Artist Selection Panel

Commission approved potential names for the Artist Selection Panel provided by Staff.

Vote: Unanimous

Final Artist Selection Panel composition: Elford Jackson, Kuo Pao Lian, Jeremy Rountree, Leonard Taylor, Lauren Moloney, Megan Lewis, Tyquiera Townsend, Jason Costillo, Clair Broido Johnson.

Hampden Branch Enoch Pratt Free Library

Action Requested- Approve Staff moving forward with issuing a RFQ with a budget of \$20,000 and provide a direction

Commission approved Staff to proceed with RFQ for Public Art at the value of \$20,000, to be located on the interior of the library. Call was issued September 28 and is Due November 6.

Vote Unanimous

Attending

PAC Commissioners:

Jeremy Rountree
Elford Jackson
Brian Oster
Scott Rykiel
Elissa Blount Moorhead
Kuo Pao Lian

Staff:

Ryan Patterson
Lou Joseph

Public:

Graham Coreil Allen (Artist)
Falon Mihalic (Artist)

Attachments:

Exhibit I- Deaccession Policy

Exhibit II- Waverly Final Design

Exhibit III- Central Ave Concepts