

Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC)

May 2023

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

10:10AM

Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC) Monthly Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2023

The Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts

7 Saint Paul Street

Clipper Room

Baltimore, MD 21202

II. Role Call

Commissioners

Aaron Bryant - Present

Jacqueline Bershard - Present

Sam Holmes – Present

Alma Roberts - Absent

Danielle Brock - Present

Kuo Pao Lian - Present

BOPA Staff

Kirk Shannon-Butts, Public Art and Curation Manager

Guest

Lori Trusheim

Media

Ed Gunts

Imani Spence – The Baltimore Banner

III. April 2023 Minutes

- The PAC motioned to accept the Minutes.

IV. Updates

- **New PAC Commissioners**

- The 4 new commissioners have been confirmed but have not been sworn in. The final new commissioner's documentation was re-sent to city officials to complete the process.
 - Commissioner Brock asked if they will be at the next meeting.
 - Kirk responded saying, "as long as the documents are finalized."

- Govans Horse Conservation Project
 - Kirk received a conservation report that he will be sending to commissioners.

- Colossus I (Alfredo Halegua) at Waxter Center Conservation Project - Lori Trusheim
 - Lori, object conservator presented the conservation report for the project.
 - Commissioner Lian asked, "What is the total amount?"
 - Kirk responded saying, "\$119,000."
 - Lori added it's hard to confirm a grand total estimate without an overall plan.
 - Aaron requested that Kirk follow-up with the city to confirm what the city will be adding financially regarding the project.
 - Jaqueline added that there's multiple strategies that they could take for this project. She suggested a rain garden would be great for the environment. She also mentioned creating a low-level landscaping to prevent people from wanting to, "tag" the sculpture.
 - Kirk said moving forward he's going to reach out to Park and Recs in hopes of a collaboration to help fund this project.
 - Aaron also requested a summary of the report to condense the information when presenting the report to potential partners.
 - Lori added that the community has a lot of energy and desire to utilize the space and the community is optimistic about the fundraising of this project.
 - Sam inquired: "There a project manager that will make sure everything is moving smoothly?"
 - Kirk said, "Yes."
 - Kirk is going to follow -up with Lori and potential partners.

- Redwood Arch Conservation Ceremony
 - Kirk said, the turn out for the ceremony was great and the artist was pleased and happy.

V. New Business

- **Publicizing and Access to Baltimore City's Public Art Collection.**
 - BOPA will be launching a new website for the PAC by June 1st.
 - It will list the history of past projects, future projects, present projects, and meetings.

- The new website will be interactive for the public to locate public art works for research, tours, and other usage.
- **Commissioner Bershard suggested that the website inquiry email should be general and not Kirks work email.**
- Commissioner Brook suggested that the site be condensed to less information and make the site simpler.

VI. Questions from the PAC

- Commissioner Lian asked if there will be a report for the PAC to list all current PAC projects/upcoming?
 - Kirk said, “Yes.”
 - Aaron Bryant added we will need a quarterly report for the PAC.
 - Aaron Bryant requested Kirk to follow-up with the Waxter center regarding partnership.

VII. News from the PAC

- Commissioner Holmes invited the PAC to his June 4th Ladew Topiary Gardens opening reception.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting adjourned at 11:32AM.