

Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC)

October 2023

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

10:00 AM
Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC) Monthly Meeting
Friday, October 20, 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 Bershada - Present
Sam Holmes – Absent
Alma Roberts - Absent
Danielle Brock - Absent
Kuo Pao Lian - Present

BOPA Staff

Todd Yuhanick – Baltimore Office of Promotion and The Arts CEO Interim
Barbara Hauck – Communications Manager
Devin Shacklett- Senior Program Coordinator
Kirk Shannon-Butts – Senior Curator & Public Art Manager

Guests

Media

III. June 2023 Minutes

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IV. Updates

- **New PAC Commissioners**
 - Will Join in November have been sworn in by the mayor.
 - We've requested bios and head shots.
 - Jessica Bell Brown, Curator from the Baltimore Museum of Art.

- Evan Richardson, Architect and Educator from Morgan State University.
 - Jaz Ezenberg, Community Activist/Muralist.
 - Lady Brion, Founder/Director of the Black Arts District.
 - Kuo Pao mentioned giving the new commissioners a proper onboarding introduction session.
 - Aaron Bryant responded saying that the first meeting with new commissioners will be an onboarding.
 - This is Kuo Pao's last meeting.

- **Linda DePalma, Cindy Kelly, and Mary Ann Mears (Friends of Public Art)**
 - A meeting was held and the new details were shared with the Mayor's office.
 - A PAC presentation form has been added to the BOPA website for people to request meetings with the PAC.
 - All forms of projects. Conservations, and new projects.
 - They're tabs that will guide people to what they need.
 - Aaron said that the project budget should be requested.
 - Kuo Pao Agreed.
 - Aaron Bryant requested a PDF version of the form for the PAC to review and give recommendations for updates regarding the form.
 - Kirk will give notes and recommendations regarding updates for the site to Dora, BOPA's website manager.
 - Dora's going to present a draft for the PAC to review.
 - Jacqueline suggested a flow chart.
 - Aaron Bryant agreed.
 - Overall, The PAC would like to update the public facing information and Commissioners should approve before things go public.

- Currently, the PAC has two (2) Conservation Projects are taking place which are supported by Friends of Public Art and funded through a Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC)'s Public Art Across Maryland (PAAM) grant.
 - #1 An Ashanti (Ghana related design) by James E Lewis (1969) - New Era Academy.
 - #2 Peely Wheely (1975) sculpture by James R. Paulsen – Wolfe Street Academy.
 - The proposal presented to the PAC was incomplete. They gathered the requested information from the PAC while the PAC was on break and presented it to the Mayor's office.

- The project continued after no response from the mayor's office confirming a written acceptance of these projects.
 - Aaron Bryant said the city should have sent a letter confirming their approval of proceeding with this process.

V. New Business

- **Assessment of Garrison Middle school**
 - Piece of Artwork needs to be moved and or a plan confirmed regarding the piece.
 - It is damaged and has mercury so it's a priority.
 - Kirk has a meeting with the school to confirm the plan as to what to do with the piece.
 - Jacqueline Bershada asked what's the plan of action.
 - Kirk responded, there's time to assess and confirm a plan of action while the school is vacant.

VI. Questions/Additional Comments from the PAC

- Aaron suggested that the PAC confirm the guidelines and procedures regarding proposals to the PAC.
- He also mentioned the updating of the website.

VII. News from the PAC

- Jacqueline Bershada Aquarium Voyager night, October 16th

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.