

May 2024
Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC) Meeting

Minutes

Date & Time

Friday, May 17, 2024

10:00AM - 11:30AM

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1. Call to Order

The May 2024 Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC) meeting was called to order by PAC Chair Aaron Bryant at 10:08AM.

2. Roll Call

Attendance was conducted by PAC Administrator, Kirk Shannon-Butts.

Aaron Bryant, Chair - Present

Jacqueline Bershad - Present

Lady Brion – Present via Zoom

Jessica Bell Brown - Present

Danielle Brock - Present

Jaz Erenberg - Present

Sam Christian Holmes - Present

Evan Richardson – Absent (Morgan State University Commencement)

Alma Roberts - Present

3. Minutes

The April 2024 Minutes were approved by the PAC.

4. Updates

City Solicitor Ebony Thompson responded to the PAC’s list of questions. Kirk will share Solicitor Thompson answers to Commissioners.

5. Gift of Public Art Presentation

Lee Tawney, President, of the Bolton Hill Community Association [joined by Marion Blackwell of the Historic Marble Hill Community Association] presented the PAC with the gift of five (5) large scale outdoor public sculptures from the Nancy Dorman and Stanley Mazaroff Collection.

Dorman and Mazaroff are longtime residents of Bolton Hill. The artworks are:

1. David Hess, *Heat Exchanger* (2008)

Mounds Park, 1420 Eutaw Place

Department of Housing and Community Development

2. John Ferguson, *Emerald* (1997)

F. Scott Fitzgerald Park (Bolton Street & Wilson Street)

Department of Recreation and Parks

3. John Ruppert, *Split Rock* (1995)

Sumpter Park Between Laurens Street and Roberts Street)

Department of Recreation and Parks

4. Jon Isherwood, *The Prodigious Builder* (1998)

Rutter's Mill Park (1400 block Rutter Street)

Department of Recreation and Parks

5. Leonard Streckfus, *Wolf Reclamation* (2000)

Maple Leaf Park (East of the 1800 block of Bolton Street)

Department of Recreation and Parks

Tim Almaguer, Chief of Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships for the Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks joined the discussion providing the PAC with information on site location, permitting, and other placement logistics.

Mr. Tawney addressed and answered questions from the PAC including a 10-year Maintenance for all the artworks. Mr. Tawney also stressed that the Bolton Hill Community has a vibrant and very active Volunteer Committee with at least two (2) volunteers for each of Bolton Hill public parks. Also, he said the community could raise additional funds. Currently, they have over \$60,000 for this project.

PAC Chair Bryant initiated a motion to vote. The motion was passed with the caveats of:

- i. Letters of Support from the Community
- ii. Site Images & Artwork Placement Renderings
- iii. Additional Photos of the Artworks
- iv. Certificate of Ownership of the Artworks
- v. Conservation Report for all the Artworks

The Vote passed with Commissioner Brock "No" and Commissioner Holmes recusing himself as he has ties with the Bolton Hill Community Association.

PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts will work with Mr. Tawney to secure all the required documents.

6. Commissioners Q & A

Commissioners spent this time discussing the artwork at Lake Clifton. In 2022, the PAC deaccessioned three (3) pieces of artwork. The Lake Clifton property is now under the domain of Morgan State University. Baltimore City Councilwoman Odette Ramos (District 14) is seeking to have the deaccessioned artwork protected.

PAC Chair Bryant asked to have Councilwoman Ramos attend an upcoming PAC meeting to discuss further.

PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts said he would ask the Councilwoman to the next PAC meeting.

7. News from the PAC

Commissioner Bershada offered to have the June 2024 PAC meeting at the National Aquarium and have the commissioners view the Wetlands exhibition.

8. The May PAC meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.