

September 2024
Baltimore City Public Art Commission (PAC) Meeting

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PAC Meeting Time:

Friday, September 20, 2024

10:00AM - 11:30AM

In-Person & Zoom

Location:

BOPA / Baltimore Arts Council Office

7 St. Paul Street

1st Floor – Clipper Room

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1. Call to Order

Baltimore City Public Art Commission Chair Aaron Bryant called the September 2024 Public Art Commission meeting to order at 10:10AM.

2. Roll Call

PAC Chair Bryant asked PAC Administrator Kirk Shannon-Butts to do a roll call.

Aaron Bryant, Chair - Present
Jacqueline Bershad - Absent
Lady Brion - Present
Danielle Brock - Present
Jaz Erenberg - Present
Sam Christian Holmes - Absent
Evan Richardson - Present
Alma Roberts – Present

A quorum was established.

3. Updates

- PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts gave the PAC an update on the Gift of Public art from the Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA). In May 2024, BHCA presented five (5) pieces of Public Art to be part of the Baltimore City Public Art Collection. PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts spoke with BHCA's Lee Tawney and BHCA is working to get all the requested materials the PAC requested to complete begin the installation of the artworks:
 - (1) Conservation Reports for all of the artworks;
 - (2) Letter of Donation for Nancy Dorman and Stanley Mazaroff's estate; and,
 - (3) final placement and setting locations for each of the artworks.

- PAC Administrator provided the PAC Commissioners with updated pages for their PAC Notebooks.

4. [Gift of Public Art Presentation](#)

- Sarah Hope, Project Manager, of the Greater Baybrook Alliance, Inc. (GBA) returned to the PAC and re-presented a gift of public art presentation to the PAC for vote. Hope presented in June; however, the PAC run out of time and did not have a quorum to vote on the project in June 2024.
 - Hope was joined by Mark Phelps from the Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks.
 - Greater Baybrook Alliance (GBA) is a non-profit community development organization whose mission is to act as a catalyst and conduit for equitable development and reinvestment in the Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park, Curtis Bay neighborhoods and empower our residents to strengthen the Baybrook community.
 - Over the past five years, GBA has emerged as an anchor for revitalization programs, bringing over \$7 million dollars into the region for capital development projects and programs. In addition, GBA is working to increase residents' capacity to address neighborhood issues.
 - The project is for Artist: Andy Dahl. The name of the artwork is Hojas de Laurel/Laurel Leaves.
 - Address of the artwork: Farring Baybrook Park - Corner of 6th St. and Duane Ave.
 - Scope of artwork: 5-8 Bay leaf sculptures, fabricated out of ¼ inch aluminum, powder coated, and anchored to individual concrete bases designed by a structural engineer.
 - Dimension of the artwork: Each leaf is approximately 11 ft long, 6 ft wide, and 7.5 ft tall.
 - Concept of Artwork - The bay or "Laurel" leaf is adopted from the coat of arms from the flag of the Federal Republic of Central America, which was a country from 1823 to 1841 that included most of the current Central American countries and part of Southern Mexico. Its inclusion here is representative of the diverse and growing Latinx community residing in South Baltimore. Symbolic of strength, the bay leaf also relates to the Brooklyn community's sense of pride in their resilience. Bay leaves don't change colors in the way many of our native plants do, and so the leaves rendered here are more inclusive of the wider Laurel tree family (some native also to Maryland), which are meant to show a youthful brightness and joy. These color choices were chosen to honor the community's desire for representation of "Brooklyn's many sides" in relation to generations both new and old as well as the array of nationalities represented here.
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- This project is supported by the communities of Curtis Bay and Brooklyn in area codes 21225 and 21226; the Baybrook Violence Reduction Leadership Team, Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks. Baltimore City Department of Planning, Baltimore City Department of Transportation; City Council District 10 and City Council Member, Phylicia Porter of District 10.
 - The PAC voted to accept this Gift of Public Art. PAC Administrator Shannon-Butts with follow-up with Sarah Hope and city agencies for the installation of the artworks.
 - PAC Chair and Commissioners commended Hope and Baybrook on a very successful and thorough presentation.

PAC Chair Bryant adjourned the September 2024 PAC meeting at 11:40AM.