



**Maryland Public Art Commission**  
**June 15, 2023, 9:15-10:25 am**  
**Hybrid Meeting at Glenstone Museum**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDING:**

In-person: Tom Riford, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Rand Griffin, Elizabeth Hughes, Jerome Gray, Kathy O'Dell, Ben Seigel, Leslie Kahn, Molline Jackson, Liesel Fenner

Virtually: Elaine Bachmann, Judy Kwon, Rebecca Massie Lane

**Public Meeting Opens - Welcome**, Rand Griffin, Chair

- Liesel Fenner presented MSAC Grounding Documents
- Meeting called to order, 9:22 am and 3-16-23 meeting minutes were approved.

**Commerce Update**, Tom Riford, Asst. Secretary of Commerce

- Tom announced that as a political appointee in his position as Assistant Secretary that he was being transitioned out of Commerce in 60 days. He acknowledged the fine work of the MSAC and thanked MPAC and noted that in the future he will be involved in the Clara Barton Memorial planned for Hagerstown.

**MSAC Updates**, Steven Skerritt-Davis, MSAC Executive Director

- Staffing: Ryan Patterson has been appointed to the position of Arts Capital Arts Program Coordinator/Public Art Project Manager starting June 28. The Capital Arts program will be awarding \$3m in capital grants in FY24 and Ryan will also work part-time on Artwork Commissions projects. He will no longer work on the PAAM grants program.
- The Deputy Director position is moving forward and we are determining the posting date for Ryan's former position: Public Art Project Manager.
- We are on target to fulfill awarding the \$40m in Arts Relief funding by the end of FY23 (June 30). We received record numbers of grant applications this fiscal year and we will share the final totals in our FY23 Annual Report.
- We are in the final stage of selecting consultants for the MSAC Strategic Plan.

**FY24 Commissioners & Leadership**, Liesel Fenner, Public Art Program Director

- We are waiting on the confirmation of candidate: Jamie Heater of Wicomico County, and re-appointments for Molline Jackson, Jerome Gray, Rebecca Massie Lane. MSAC Councilor, Chris Sloan will serve as our Institutional Member. We are also awaiting Governor approval for our Chair, Kathy O'Dell. At the September meeting the Commission will elect our new Vice-Chair, candidate Molline Jackson following her re-appointment.

- Kathy O’Dell, Co-Chair read the proposed By-Laws revision:

**Article VII**

Section 1. Emeritus Status

The Commission may from time to time designate an outgoing Commission member to have the status of “Commissioner Emeritus” in recognition of the member’s exceptional service to the Commission and public art in Maryland.

Commissioner Emeritus status does not have the formal status or authority of a Commission member. The Commissioner Emeritus serves as a mentor to the Commission and a keeper of institutional memory.

Vote

Motion: Kathy O’Dell

Second: Leslie Kahn

In favor: all Commissioners attending

**Program Administration**, Liesel Fenner, Public Art Program Director

- Public Art Across Maryland Grants Program Update
  - Ryan and Liesel read 100 grant applications for the spring cycle. 46 grants scored 92% and above and were awarded funding. A total of \$2,459,041 awarded in FY23.
  - To improve efficiencies, policy changes were approved by the Council:
    - Only one grant deadline per fiscal year
    - Only organizations are eligible for Project Grants. Artists will need to partner with an organization.
- Maryland Public Artist Roster Update
  - Ryan developed the Roster application on Submittable and we received 535 applications
  - Nine panelists are currently reviewing applications
  - The final list of selected artists will be reviewed by Leslie Kahn and Judy Kwon and following their approval the list will be sent to the Commission.

**Artwork Commission Projects**

- Liesel reviewed the current list of projects:

<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Status</b>
UMES	School of Pharmacy	Ayokunle Odeleye exterior sculpture installation, Fall Ebon Heath interior sculpture delayed
St. Mary’s College of MD	New Auditorium	Design development starts in July
DGS	Catonsville Courthouse	Artists are under contract & starting soon
Frostburg State U.	Education & Health Sciences	Artists approved by BPW; in contracting phase

Towson U.	Nursing School	Artists being submitted to BPW for approval
Bowie State U.	Communications Bldg	Artist engagement with students to commence

- Upcoming FY24 Projects:

State Agency	Building	Public Art Budget	MPAC rep
UMBC	Sherman Hall	\$371,972	Rebecca Massie-Lane
USM, Southern Maryland	SMART Building	\$339,614	Jerome Gray Elizabeth Hughes
DGS	Shilman Courthouse	\$347,845	TBD
DGS	New Courts of Appeal (Supreme Ct.)	\$855,705	TBD
DGS	MD School for the Deaf	\$62,898	TBD

### Open Sharing Discussion, Rand Griffin

- Molline gave an overview of the MPAC Video Project (a short clip was viewed at the May 4, dinner). She is interviewing people who helped pilot the Artwork Commissions program including the founding Commissioners - Rand and Catherine. The goal is that the video will reside on the MSAC website and it could be shown to new state agency partners at the outset of projects.
- **Equity & Justice**  
Elizabeth Hughes gave an update on the Baltimore Confederate Monuments that will be loaned to LAXArt. The exhibition has been pushed to 2024.

### Passing the Baton

- Kathy thanked Rand for his leadership and shared her excitement about assuming the role of Chair in FY24. Applause all around.

### 10:34 Meeting adjourned and a tour of Glenstone Museum followed