

**Maryland Commission on Public Art**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 22, 2015**  
**MSAC, 175 W. Ostend Street, Baltimore MD**

The Maryland Commission on Public Art held a meeting October 22, 2015 in person and via teleconference.

**Call to order:** Liesel Fenner called the meeting to order at 8:37 am

**Present:** Liesel Fenner, Alex Castro, Rand Griffin, Theresa Colvin. By Phone: Catherine Leggett, Jan Goldstein, Elaine Bachman.

**Other Attendees and Representatives:** Elizabeth Gallauresi (Maryland State Arts Council)

**Introductions:**

- Liesel Fenner introduced herself as the new Public Art Program Director and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was presented to those in attendance and approved at 8:40 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the July 16, 2015, meeting were presented to those in attendance and approved at 8:45 am. Rand Griffin made the motion to approve and Elaine Bachman seconded.

**Chair's Report** (reported by Fenner)

**MPAI Candidate Projects**

- National Guard Readiness Centers are proposed in Easton and Sykesville, MD, with respective public art project budgets of \$70,573 and \$109,453
- Public Art Program Director, Liesel Fenner, met with Major James and his staff to discuss the project schedules, Request for Proposal (RFP) process, artist selection process and art project implementation within the Readiness Centers design-build processes.
- Fenner will be providing draft language for the National Guard's RFP to be distributed to design-build companies, outlining the public art project process
- Fenner visited the Sykesville Readiness Center site that will be built adjacent to the State of Maryland Springfield Hospital Center on State Route 31. The existing multi-acre site is on a flat clearing surrounded by forested rolling foothills and streams, ideal for an exterior public artwork integrated in the landscape
- Two University of Maryland public art projects will be commencing planning, The projects are:  
-(UMB) Health Sciences Research Facility III, \$205.4m

- -(UMBC) Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building, \$126m
- Fenner is confirming remaining candidate MPAL projects with DBM.
- Update: FY16 Public Art Project (CAD PAP) Grants for Arts & Entertainment Districts: One project was selected out of four applications: Allegany Arts Council, *Great Allegany Passage Trail*, Frostburg, MD

### **MPAC Candidate Members**

- Bios for two candidates were reviewed: Dr. Kathy O'Dell and Liling Tien. Kathie O'Dell formerly served on Council for MSAC and is from Baltimore County and a professor at UMBC. Ms. Tien is a landscape architect practicing in Baltimore City and has worked on public art projects with artists. Both candidates will be presented to the Governor for final appointment.

### **MSAC Updates**

- Theresa gave updates on the staffing and current hiring occurring at MSAC and new members of the Council.
- MSAC will be conducting a strategic plan for the proposed Maryland Folk Center.

### **MPAC Visioning Session Final Report**

- Fenner presented a powerpoint 'Public Art Precedent' of model projects across the U.S. and discussed current public art program planning that aligns with the 7/21/14 Visioning Session. Particular points of alignment included:
  - Fair geographic distribution
  - Artistic Quality
  - Partnerships
- Fenner finalized the meeting, noting that she will be visiting and meeting with County Arts Councils and Arts & Entertainment Districts to discuss local public art program planning. Through these discussions, Fenner will be developing program goals for FY16-17.

### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting is on Thursday, January 22, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.