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#### Worksession #1: DRAFT Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures and the Art Review Panel (private development)

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#### Description

Review and discussion of the Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures document as it relates to public use space within optional method projects (private development). If adopted by the Board, this document will supersede the Optional Method of Development Public Artworks document (adopted 1988).

Authors: The Public Arts Trust Steering Committee (PATSC) Latest Draft Revision: November 2012

#### **Executive Summary**

Recommendation: Staff recommends **approval** of the adoption of the Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures document.

Developers often commission artists to provide artwork(s) within required public use space in order to enrich the quality of the neighborhood and invite community interaction. When artwork is provided in privately developed Optional Method projects, the art pieces are currently reviewed by M-NCPPC Staff and the Art Review Panel. The Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedure document is intended to establish overall guidelines and procedures for implementing publicly and privately owned artworks. This document has been reviewed and approved by the Public Arts Trust Steering Committee (PATSC), consisting of arts professionals and representatives of the Montgomery County's Executive Branch, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Montgomery College, and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC, including both Parks and Planning staff).

The intent of this document is to establish a more holistic approach to managing, maintaining, and adding value to the entire art collection (publically and privately owned) for all of Montgomery County.

#### Background

The Optional Method of development was created in 1974 as a means of acquiring public amenities and facilities within densely populated areas (properties zoned CBD, TMX-2, CR, CRT, RMX, and other zones). The Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance (Division 59-D-2) gives the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) the legal authority to review and approve Optional Method projects. In accordance with the Optional Method of development, projects are permitted additional density (compared to the Standard Method projects) in exchange for the provision of public amenities. In order to qualify for the Optional Method, additional filings are required and certain development standards must be met in addition to the provision of a public amenities package. Qualifying facilities and amenities include increasing open space, providing affordable housing, constructing environmental elements, and installing public artworks. A minimum of 20 percent of the total tract area must be set aside for public use, and a combination of facilities and amenities must be provided by the private developers. Public facilities and amenities may also include a combination of recreational areas, parks, gardens, lawns, plazas, fountains, pathways, promenades, streetscapes, public artworks, and day care facilities.

In 1983, the County Council mandated that a specific percentage of any approved public building construction budget be set aside for the acquisition and commissioning of public artworks within the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). In the mid 1980's, the Planning Board convened a task force (currently known as the Art Review Panel) to study the placement, installation, maintenance, and approval criteria for public artworks. In February 1988, the Planning Board approved the policies, procedures, goals, and objectives for selecting public artwork and instituted the Panel to provide the Board with specific recommendations on the design of the public use space and its correlation with the public artworks within the spaces.



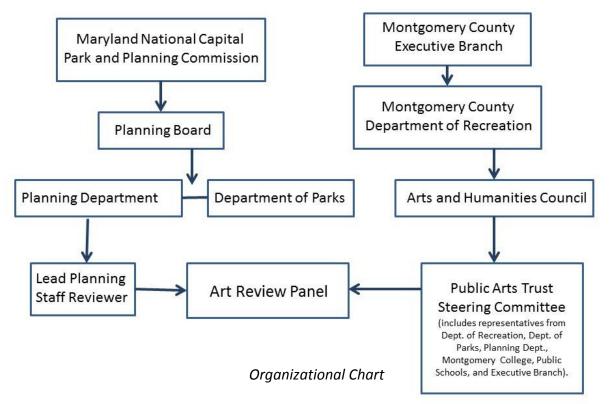
<u>Sample A:</u> Public art as a function of the space.

"Braaksma" by Martin Puryear, circa 1987; 7700 Old Georgetown Road; Granite seating/sculpture 14"H by 7"W by 19" depth.

From 1983 to 1991, four separate art programs were established and funded through the "percent-forart" allocation. The separate programs were initiated by the 1) Executive Branch, 2) Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), 3) Montgomery College, and the 4) Parks Department and Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). During this period, more than 200 artworks were collected and commissioned. In 1991, a thorough report was generated to analyze the policies and procedures of each individual program, and concluded that little to no coordination was shared between the programs. The report recommended that a task force (currently known as The Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, AHCMC) be created to establish general guidelines, reporting requirements, policies for artwork inspection, maintenance, site selection, allowed expenses for public art, and any restrictions of the number of artworks or the amount which may be expended for each site. Legislation was enacted by County Council in 1995 establishing the Public Arts Trust. Currently the County's collection of public artworks consists of over 300 sculptural pieces and over 500 pieces of contemporary works on paper.

As written, the County's Chief Administrative Officer administers the Trust through the Department of Recreation via an outside contract with the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County. The Public Art Trust is funded through the Department of Recreation's Capital Improvements Program, which includes some funding for AHCMC to manage the artworks of the public collection with oversight of those public art programs designed to receive, hold, and pay out public and private funds to buy, display, relocate, and conserve public artworks on County property. The Public Arts Trust Steering Committee (PATSC) is an advisory group made up of 15 members appointed by the AHCMC and represented by the county agencies originally included in the Public Arts Program. The PATSC is tasked with the responsibility of advising the Director of the AHCMC in the implementation of the Public Arts Trust Public Arts Program.

Over the past two years, an effort has been made to integrate the two public art review bodies, the Art Review Panel serving the Planning Board and the PATSC serving the Arts and Humanities Council. Whether artworks are implemented on public or private land, MNCPPC Staff and the PATSC recognize the invisible boundaries between artworks and recommend that the policies and procedures for public artwork be unified under one set of regulations. The distinct authority of various bodies, such as the Planning Board's jurisdiction regarding approval of density in exchange for public art, however, would remain.



#### **Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures Document**

The purpose of the Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures (*Appendix A*) is to provide the history of the public art in Montgomery County and establish the guidelines for implementing the County's 1995 restoration of the Public Art Program under Chapter 8 of the Montgomery County Code Article VI, Works of Art in Public Architecture, Section 8-43 to 8-45 (*Appendix B*). The mission of the Trust is to build and inspire communities through placemaking and to nurture artists engaged in public art. The program goals include:

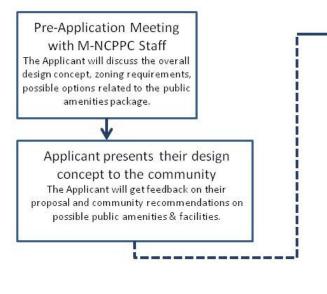
- Fostering community identity and spirit, encourage dialogue, and promote cultural enrichment;
- Celebrating our community's heritage, ethnicity, commonality, and civic pride by stimulating collaboration and understanding between artists and the County's diverse population;
- Placing public art where it will be enjoyed by numerous people, particularly in parts of the County where there is less public art;
- Creating exciting, appealing, and harmonious public spaces by integrating art into architecture, landscape, and the urban fabric and through planning of infrastructure at the earliest design stage;
- Encouraging economic growth through public art that is stimulating and accessible;
- Fostering the public's understanding and enjoyment of public art;
- Enhancing the County's image locally, regionally, and nationally by insuring the creation of the highest quality for the public artworks; and
- Encouraging federal, state and private support for the County's public art program.

In 2010, the delegation and structure of the Art Review Panel review process was transferred to the PATSC for the Commercial/Residential zones (CR zones). The policies and procedures previously established in 1988 (*Appendix C*) have been updated and incorporated into the latest draft of the Public Art Trust Policies and Procedures document. Currently the Art Review Panel is a sub-committee of the PATSC that reviews the Optional Method projects for private development and provides professional feedback and recommendations to MNCPPC Staff. The Panel's recommendations are incorporated into the Staff Report of the specific project and presented to the Planning Board in accordance with the standards and findings set forth in the County's Zoning Ordinance. Although the artworks approved through the Optional Method may be public in nature, they are privately owned and maintained.



<u>Sample B</u>: Public art as a statement or landmark for the space.

"The Hand" by Ray Kaskey, 1993; 1315 East West Hwy & Colesville Road; Bronze sculpture/fountain 12'H by 18'W.



\* The submitted plans may have several iterations of comments prior to establishing a Planning Board Date.

\*\* The Planning Board my condition that the design concept of the public use space and/or the public amenities be revisited by the **Art Review Panel** based on any substantial changes to the overall site design. 1. Applicant's Application is Accepted by DARC ALead Reviewer is assigned to the project

2. Lead Reviewer provides initial comments The Applicant may be required to coordinate and submit An application & proposal to the Art Review Panel.

\*3. Applicant Re-submits Revised Plans The Applicant has met with **the Art Review Panel**, and the revised plans include any feasible changes.

#### 4. Planning Board

The Lead Reviewer and Applicant present the project to the Planning Board. Any necessary conditions of approval are finalized during the public hearing and incorporated into the draft Resolution.

\*\*5. Project Approval The Resolution is approved by the Planning Board, and the conditions of approval are met by the Applicant prior to the certification process and/or the building permit stage.

#### M-NCPPC Review Process for Private Development

The Planning Department is the lead agency coordinating review of public art in private development. In anticipation of the CR zone conversion (In accordance with the Master or Sector Plan recommendations), there are several options to meet the requirements under the Incentive Density Implementation Guidelines adopted by the Planning Board (*Appendix D*), including provision of artworks and payments to the AHCMC in accordance with Section 59-C-15.855(d) of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. Typically the initial presentation to the Art Review Panel is completed at the earliest possible design phase. However, in some cases the Planning Board may condition the project's approval based on the initial recommendations of the Art Review Panel. The Applicant may be required by the Planning Board to revise and/or further develop the design details and resubmit to the Art Review Panel. The criteria by which artworks are reviewed or payments may be accepted are established under the incentive Density Implementation Guidelines. Further guidance is provided by the applicable Master or Sector Plan, the Public Art Road Map, and the Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures document. After a thorough evaluation and review of the artworks, the Panel must provide the Planning Board with its professional recommendation and/or specify conditions of approval regarding the artworks or the fee-in-lieu option.

#### **Montgomery County Public Art Road Map**

Public art is most effective as a catalyst for city building, economic development, and beautification when it is integrated and contextualized in its surrounding environment. Where it is located and how it connects to its surroundings and engages viewers can be as important as the design of the artwork itself. A Montgomery County Public Art Road Map will allow the County to better balance the efforts of the public and private sectors and guide private developers who sponsor public art, maximizing the benefits of public art for the public.

Though Montgomery County has long been a patron of public art, there has never been an articulated vision to guide the placement and type of projects across agencies. By adopting a County Public Art Road Map, it will be possible for the County to see the big picture and realize the potential of public art projects sponsored by both the County and private developers. Rather than reacting to individual projects submitted for review, with a Public Art Road Map, the Public Arts Trust would be in the driver's seat to steer projects where they would be most beneficial. In this way, public art could more effectively boost economic development, reinforce community identity, and enhance the daily lives of all of Montgomery County's residents.

A Public Art Road Map created as a joint effort of the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Public Arts Trust would:

- Allow the County to better integrate public art in infrastructure and street and landscape projects at an early phase in design;
- Provide a conceptual framework to contribute to the organization of open spaces, including parks, plazas, setbacks or streetscapes;
- Identify areas where a more detailed public art plan should be developed;
- Help raise the bar to identify the best artists and most creative ways to incorporate public art;
- Use public art to reinforce urban design objectives for the site, street or district as appropriate;
- Ensure there will be a variety of public art types, opportunities and locations;
- Be responsive to community needs and interests;
- Identify conservation and artwork relocation opportunities in the public art road map, offering conservation of artwork as an option for developers
- Link public art projects to County's larger objectives in the realm of public transportation, recreation, economic development, sustainability, and neighborhood improvement.

As a collaborative project of M-NCPPC Staff and the Public Arts Trust, the Public Art Road Map will provide a framework for integrating public art into all aspects of County development so that opportunities are not missed and the best public art projects can happen throughout the County. Public art should not be an afterthought or commissioned in a piece meal fashion. A Road Map providing guidance for identifying prime locations, best practices, and areas under development, will yield the best results for County residents. It is a small investment that will have lasting impact. This is a work in progress and is not up for adoption or approval at this time.



<u>Sample C:</u> Public art used to invite community interaction.

*"Silver Creek" by Deirdre Saunder, 2004; 923 Ellsworth Drive; Italian glass tile fountain/mosaic 26' diameter.* 

#### **Art Review Panel**

The Art Review Panel currently consists of 7 volunteer professionals, all of whom are very knowledgeable regarding their respective fields, have an interest in artistic design, and are directly affiliated with the implementation of public art. The M-NCPPC Panel Coordinator works as a mediator between the Planning Staff, the

Applicant, and the PATSC in order to administer the review process. The group meets bi-monthly for 3-4 hours to review 3-4 projects. Applicants are required to submit a completed application and supplemental illustrative images at least 1 week before the Panel's specified meeting date. The submittal packages are forwarded to Panel members to give them at least 1 full week to review the packages and/or visit the site before the upcoming meeting. The Applicant presents the overall design concept to the Panel and M-NCPPC Planning Staff on the meeting day. The Panel Coordinator organizes all the comments from the Panel and sends the finalized comments and recommendations to the Lead Reviewer to incorporate into the Staff Report.

M-NCPPC Staff and AHCMC Staff have worked well in the recent years to establish clear lines of communication regarding any new updates to the County's collections and changes to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The latest collaborative projects include an Art Review Panel website (<u>http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/public\_art/index.shtm</u>), a Public Art Registry, and a Montgomery County Public Art Walking Tour. These projects are not only intended to educate the public regarding the importance of public art within their communities, but will also provide early guidance to private developers and Staff when researching types of public art and how to use it most effectively. Public art can serve the interest of the community in several different ways, as shown throughout this staff report.



<u>Sample D:</u> Public art used to invite community interaction.

"Coastline" by Jim Sanborn, 1993; Located 1301 East West Hwy; Materials: Black granite, shells, water; 6ft by 30ft by 75ft

#### Conclusion

The citizens of Montgomery County interact with public art every day throughout the County. Public artworks are in our schools, parks, plazas, libraries, retail centers, and office buildings. The County's most notable artworks are installations by Louise Nevelson, Martin Puryear, Jim Sanborn, Heidi Lippman, and Vicki Scuri, just to name a few. This cultural legacy is one of the most important assets in our County and, therefore, should be used to inspire private developers, educate the public, and be preserved for future generations. As a member of the PATSC, M-NCPPC will continue to share the mission to build great communities by uniting our planning efforts to form a more holistic and sustainable public art collection for Montgomery County.

#### APPENDIX

Appendix A: Draft Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures Document (November 2012) Appendix B: Chapter 8 of the Montgomery County Code Article VI Works of Art in Public Architecture (March 2012)

Appendix C: The Optional Method of Development Public Artworks Document (February 1988) Appendix D: The Incentive Density Implementation Guidelines (July 2012) Appendix A: Draft Public Arts Trust Policies and Procedures Document (November 2012)

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#### DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this document, the following terms are defined below:

**Accessioning:** The formal process used to accept an artwork into the County's Collection signifying that the County is the owner of the artwork and therefore responsible for the conservation and/or maintenance of said artwork.

**Artist**: An adult person who derives her/his livelihood in full or part from the creation of art, i.e. a professional artist, craftsperson or artisan.

**Artist Selection Panel ("Panel"):** The ad hoc panel of at least 5 members convened by the Public Arts Trust to review a project and select an artist(s) to be commissioned or artwork(s) to be purchased. If a new artwork is being commissioned, the Panel will review the artist's (artists') concept proposal and recommend the final proposal to the Public Arts Trust Steering Committee for final approval.

**Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County ("AHCMC"):** Represents the Department of Recreation as the Trust administrative contractor that provides day-to-day management and oversight of the Trust.

**AHCMC Public Art Collection Database ("Database"):** The collection management tool that contains written and visual documentation pertaining to every artwork commissioned or acquired by the County or commissioned by a private developer as a public amenity for the County.

**Artwork or Work of Art**: An original creation by an artist. May be one-of-a-kind or from a limited edition, functional or purely aesthetic, exterior or interior, integrated or standalone, temporary, semi-permanent, or permanent. See also Montgomery County Code, Sec. 8-43 for definition of *work of art*. Artworks do not include landscaping, fixtures or features such as grates, streetlights, benches, signs, architectural materials, or other design enhancements—unless designed by an artist as a unique feature for the project.

**Client Department**: The County department or agency initiating a funded public art project.

**Conservation Endowment:** 3% of total budget for new commissions will be set aside in a conservation fund to be administered by the Trust at time contract is signed with the artist. This will apply to all projects commissioned after the Fall of 2012.

**Contemporary Works on Paper Art Collection:** All framed and unframed works of art purchased with County funds and exhibited in public buildings throughout the County.

County, the: Montgomery County, Maryland.

**County Capital Improvements Program**: A biennial six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) outlining public services and fiscal policy.

**County-Initiated Project**: Public art projects on sites that are funded by County departments or agencies, including Montgomery County government, Montgomery County Public Schools, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, and Montgomery College. These projects may correspond with new construction or renovation projects in concert with the Montgomery County Public Art Road Map.

**Deaccessioning**: The permanent removal of an artwork from the Public Art Collection and/or from permanent display, usually through sale, exchange, any other transaction by which title of outgoing works of art are transferred from the collection to another institution or individual. Under certain conditions, it may also include disposal by intentional destruction.

**Department of Recreation:** Administrator of the Trust through oversight provided by the AHCMC.

**Design Collaboration**: the collaboration of an artist(s) with other design professionals beginning at the conceptual design stage.

**Design Team**: A group of design professionals (such as an artist, architect, engineer, landscape architect, lighting designer, graphic designer, or others) brought together to work on a specific project.

**Montgomery County Public Art Road Map: ("Road Map")** A written document that augments but does not amend the Country's General Plan that identifies appropriate and significant sites or site-selection criteria for the location of permanent, semipermanent, and temporary public art throughout Montgomery County. This plan will assist the Trust and Planning Board in guiding privately and publically funded public art projects.

Permanent Artwork: An artwork with an anticipated life-span of not less than 15 years.

**Public Art**: An artwork that is located indoors or outdoors and is visually and/or physically accessible to the public at least eight hours per day. Typologies include site-specific, site-integrated, and site-sensitive works and can be temporary, semi-permanent, or permanent.

**Public Art Collection ("Collection")**: All public art either owned and maintained by County departments or provided for the County by a private developer and maintained by the private developer under the terms of a Site Plan (as defined in Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code), that was reviewed by the Public Arts Trust Steering Committee and approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board. The Collection also includes the Contemporary Works on Paper Collection.

**Public Art Collection Survey**: An ongoing survey of the Collection to prioritize conservation needs and ensure maintenance.

**Public Art Projects Plan**: An annual plan developed by the AHCMC and the Trust submitted to the County Council for approval. Contains a prioritized list with budgets and timelines of new public art projects for implementation by the County and public art projects to be conserved.

**Public Arts Trust ("Trust"):** The Public Arts Trust is the County's public art program designed to receive, hold, and pay out public and private funds to buy, display, relocate, and conserve public artworks on County property.

**Public Arts Trust Director ("Director")**: Leads the Trust and drafts Trust policies and guidelines, oversees the artist selection process for new commissions, collection management, and educational programming around the public art collection. Reports to the AHCMC CEO and the Committee.

**Public Arts Trust Steering Committee ("Committee")**: A 15 member committee appointed by the AHCMC that serves as an advisory board to the CEO of the AHCMC and Director in the implementation of the Public Arts Trust Public Art Program. A sub-committee of the Committee, the "Panel," also reviews and makes recommendations on projects sponsored by private developers commissioned through the County's Zoning Ordinance, where a Site Plan includes a provision for public art.

**Semi-Permanent Work of Art**: An artwork intended for display for a period of 18 months to 15 years with minimal maintenance required. In some cases, the Trust may elect to retain a semi-permanent work that is particularly valued by the community and will take action to preserve the artwork. Semi-permanent status can only be applied to commissions undertaken after September, 2012.

**Site Plan Project**: Site Plan, as defined in Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code, which includes a requirement to provide Public Art.

Temporary Work of Art: An artwork intended for short-term display up to 18 months.

### 1.0 PURPOSE

These policies and procedures provide a history of public art in Montgomery County and establish the guidelines for implementing the County's 1995 restoration of the public art program as per Chapter 8 of the Montgomery County Code, Article VI Works of Art in Public Architecture, Sections 8-43 to 8-45.

### 2.0 HISTORY OF PUBLIC ART IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### 2.1 Public Art in Public Projects

Public art in Montgomery County began when William Hanna, former Mayor of the City of Rockville, became a County Councilmember in 1983. While he was Mayor of Rockville, the City adopted a percent for art program in 1978. When he became a Councilmember, he pursued the possibility of a similar County-wide percent for art program (Bill No. 30-83).

In 1983, the County adopted a percent for art program that mandated that 1% of certain capital projects be set aside for the acquisition and commissioning of artworks. This amount was amended twice—to .5% in 1988 and then to .25% in 1990. This was because the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) approved budgets were much higher than anticipated. The percent for art amount was adjusted to be more in line with the amount that the Council had intended to dedicate to public art.

It was intended in Bill No. 30-83 that the Arts Council of Montgomery County would administer the Art in Architecture program, but in 1985, it was determined that without additional professional staff, the Arts Council could not coordinate the four agencies and adequately track the CIP; however, the Arts Council participated in the selection of artists for projects.

From 1983 to 1991, four separate programs were funded through the percent for art allocation in the County. Separate programs were initiated by the 1) Executive Branch, 2) Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), 3) Montgomery College, and the 4) Parks Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). During this period, more than 200 works were collected and commissioned. Several small pieces were commissioned for various recreation centers, public schools, and libraries, as well as some larger and highly visible pieces such as *Muktasvara Arch* at the Gaithersburg Library by nationally known artist Mary Ann Unger.

A thorough report analyzed these programs in 1991 and found that each County program had its own sets of procedures and applied the legislation differently. There was little or no coordination or information sharing between the programs or with the public art generated through the Optional Method of Development.

The Report recommended that a Task Force be created to establish general guidelines and reporting requirements, as well as policies for artwork inspection, maintenance, site selection, allowed expenses for public art and any restrictions of the number of artworks or the amount which may be expended per site. The Report recommended suspending the percent for art legislation while these guidelines were established.

During the early 1990's, the program as it had been operating was suspended. In 1993, a bill was introduced in the County Council to completely eliminate the program for budgetary reasons. Rather than eliminate the program completely, a new program was proposed (in part by the AHCMC) and approved by the Council. In 1995 legislation establishing a single public art program (the Trust), was adopted. Since the early days of the program in 1983, the County's public art collection has grown to over 300 pieces. The County has also collected over 500 pieces for its Contemporary Works on Paper Collection (see Section 7.4).

#### 2.2 Public Art in Private Development

The acceptance of public artworks as a public amenity that could be provided by private developers in exchange for increased density was established under the "Optional Method" standards of the Zoning Ordinance in 1974. Originally, optional method development only applied to central business district zoning in Bethesda, Silver Spring, Wheaton, and Friendship Heights. These provisions have since expanded to include TMX-2, CR, CRT, RMX, and other zones.

The public goal of the optional method is to create a more attractive urban environment through a package of public amenities provided by private developers to support increased density. To qualify for the optional method, additional filings are required and certain development standards must be met in addition to the provision of a public amenities package. Qualifying facilities and amenities include increased open space, affordable housing, environmental elements, and public art.

Artworks approved under the optional method must be located in publicly accessible and visible locations. These public artworks have traditionally been reviewed by an ad hoc Art Review Panel established by the Planning Board. In 2010, delegation of the review authority was transferred to the Trust for the Commercial/Residential zones and continues to evolve towards a more centralized and formalized review process by a Panel formed under the Committee. The recommendations of the Panel must be approved by the Planning Board in accordance with standards and findings set forth in the zoning Ordinance. Although the artworks approved through the optional method are public in nature, they are privately owned and maintained.

Since establishing the optional method and approving numerous artworks, the Planning Board convened a task force to study issues relating to approval, installation, and maintenance of the artworks. Formed in 1988, the task force reviewed the procedures and made numerous recommendations on policies and procedures. It is intended that these recommendations be adapted into these Policies and Procedures and the Road Map.

## 3.0 THE PUBLIC ARTS TRUST

In 1995, a restoration of the public art program occurred with a new law. Chapter 8 of the Montgomery County Code, Article VI Works of Art in Public Architecture, Section 8-45 states that:

Each year the County Council should consider appropriating funds for the next fiscal year to the Public Arts Trust in an amount equal to 0.05% of the combined total approved capital expenditures for the then-current fiscal year for County Government, Public Schools, Montgomery College and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

## 3.1 Funding

While the legislation indicates a percent for art allocation (.05% or 1/20 of a one percent); this amount is not mandated. In 2002, the allocated amount peaked at \$201,000. Since FY 2003, the actual allocated amount has been significantly lower than the recommended amount. As an example, in FY 2007 the allocated amount was \$140,000; a .05% allocation would have yielded \$208,000. Rather than adhering to the recommended formula, the Trust's budget has been held at \$140,000 since FY 2007, a decision made by the County when the Capital Improvements Budget is reviewed.

## 3.1.1 Use of Funds

County-appropriated funds as well as monies in the Trust may be used to support temporary, semi-permanent, and permanent artworks for the following:

- 1. All artists' services, models and design fees, including subconsultant fees, e.g., engineering or other specialty consulting;
- 2. Art-related materials, fabrication, delivery and installation costs;
- 3. Acquisition of artworks;
- 4. Artist selection processes, including jury selection and artist travel costs;
- 5. Incremental costs of art integrated into infrastructure elements such as sound-walls, utility structures, roadway elements, dedicated lighting, landscape architecture and landscape elements;
- 6. Identifying plaques/markers;
- Conservation and maintenance of the collection, including repair, replacement of works damaged beyond repair and not covered by insurance, surveys, curatorial services, re-siting and other conservation work necessary to keep all works of art in the county collection in good condition;
- 8. Program administration and planning;
- 9. Community education programs, outreach, and dedications; and
- 10. Collection management, including software and database training, photo documentation, etc.

## 3.2 Administration

In 1997, administration of the Trust was assigned to the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) a non-profit agency designated by law to administer the County's grant funds for arts and humanities programs.

As a program of AHCMC, the Trust has access to broader administrative and marketing opportunities than in the past. The Collection and the Trust are featured on AHCMC's website and in most marketing materials. Staff is provided to the Trust including a part-time Director, with marketing and administrative assistance from AHCMC staff as needed.

### 4.0 GOVERNANCE OF THE PUBLIC ARTS TRUST

### 4.1 The Public Arts Trust Steering Committee

To consist of not more than 15 members and serves as an advisory board to the AHCMC's CEO and the Director in the implementation of the Program. By law, the County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or a designee must administer the Trust in consultation with the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College and the Montgomery County Parks Commission.

The Committee shall represent:

- 1. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)
- 2. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Department of Parks
- 3. Montgomery County Department of Recreation
- 4. Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- 5. Montgomery County Department of General Services
- 6. Montgomery College
- 7. M-NCPPC Department of Planning; and
- 8. Other invited community and government representatives and arts professionals, including at least one artist, one architect, and one landscape architect.

In addition, a standing Board member of the AHCMC shall serve as a voting member on the Committee.

Nominations of invited community, government and art professionals to the Committee shall be approved by the standing Committee members.

Committee members shall serve three year terms, and may be re-appointed for a second three-year term.

The Committee generally meets on a bi-monthly basis. An annual retreat is normally held in early Fall to discuss projects for the fiscal year.

#### 4.2 Role of the Committee for Review of County-Initiated Projects

The commissioning, purchase, maintenance, acceptance of gifts, and the deaccessioning of public art for County departments and agencies is determined by these Policies and Procedures. The Committee will conduct reviews and develop recommendations regarding projects that may be implemented through the Program.

Keeping in mind the mission and goals of the Program, the Committee will identify and recommend what types of public art projects should be targeted for implementation. A public art project scope and budget should be developed during the facility planning phase of a major capital project, and funding for public art would be available during the detailed design and construction phases of the project. Projects may involve the commissioning or acquisition of permanent works of art as well as temporary art installations and/or exhibitions.

Agency representatives will present candidate projects to the entire Committee prior to completion of the facility plan (or early during the design phase of a small project), in order to determine whether the project is an appropriate candidate for public art. If the Committee approves the project, the Committee will recommend an appropriate artwork budget to be included in the project cost estimate at the facility planning stage. The Committee may choose to contribute Trust funding to a project, or the project may be funded entirely through the agency's project funding. During the design phase of the project, the Director will recommend an appropriate artist selection process for the specific project and will manage the artist selection process. The artist selection committee will include the agency project manager, other appropriate agency representatives, design consultant(s), at least one community representative, and may include other interested members of the Committee. The full artist selection committee will participate in the project at least through the concept design phase for the artwork. The agency representative and Director will provide periodic updates on the status of the project at Committee meetings.

#### 4.3 Role of the Committee for Review of Private Development Projects

The Planning Department is the lead agency coordinating review of public art in private development. Members of the Committee will periodically convene to review artworks provided as public amenities through the optional method. There are several options to meet the requirements under the Incentive Density Implementation Guidelines adopted by the Planning Board, including provision of artwork(s) and payments to the AHCMC in accordance with section 59-C-15.855(d) of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance.

The criteria by which artworks are reviewed or payments may be accepted are established under the Incentive Density Implementation Guidelines. Further guidance

will be provided by individual master or sector plans, the Public Art Road Map, and these Policies and Procedures.

The Committee establishes the submittal documents to provide timely reviews of artworks by the Panel, which must be approved by the Planning Department. Typically, a presentation of the artwork(s) to the Committee is completed at the earliest possible design phase. In some cases, however, the Planning Board may require the Applicant to revise or more fully detail the concept and re-submit to the Committee based on their initial recommendations. After a thorough review of the artwork(s), the Committee must provide the Planning Board with its recommendation on the artwork(s) and/or specify recommended conditions of approval regarding the artwork(s) or the fee-in-lieu option.

## 5.0 MISSION, VISION, AND GOALS

#### 5.1 Mission Statement

The mission of the Trust is to build and inspire communities through placemaking and to nurture artists engaged in public art.

### 5.2 Vision Statement

The vision of the Trust is to enhance the quality of community and place through public art projects that:

- 1. Promote cultural enrichment;
- 2. Engage diverse communities through projects and dialogue; and
- 3. Foster emerging and established Montgomery County artists.

## 5.3 Program Goals

- 1. To foster community identity and spirit, encourage dialogue, and promote cultural enrichment;
- 2. To celebrate our community's heritage, ethnicity, commonality and civic pride by stimulating collaboration and understanding between artists and Montgomery's diverse community;
- 3. To place public art where it will be enjoyed by numerous people, particularly in parts of the County where there is less public art;
- 4. To create exciting, appealing, and harmonious public spaces by integrating art into architecture, landscape, and the urban fabric and through planning of infrastructure at the earliest design stage;
- 5. Encourage economic growth through public art that is stimulating and accessible;
- 6. To foster the public's understanding and enjoyment of public art;
- 7. To enhance Montgomery's image locally, regionally and nationally by insuring the creation of the highest quality public art; and
- 8. To encourage federal, state and private support for Montgomery's public art program.

#### 6.0 PROJECT TYPES AND ART FORMS

#### 6.1 The Trust initiates three (3) types of public art projects:

- 1. Permanent, site-specific, site-integrated, or site-sensitive works commissioned for installation on public property in the County;
- 2. Semi-permanent and temporary exhibitions, installations, performances and other public art programs and events;
- 3. The purchase of existing artworks for the Contemporary Works on Paper Art Collection.

### 6.2 Forms of public art include but are not limited to:

- 1. Sculpture in the round or in any of the following forms or types: bas-relief, mobiles, fountains, environmental, kinetic, electronic, etc., in any material or combination of materials;
- 2. Painting in all media, including portable and permanently affixed works such as murals and frescoes;
- 3. Printing and drawing, including media such as photography, film, graphic arts, any print media (e.g. lithography, etching, etc.), drawing, and calligraphy;
- 4. Ceramic, fiber and textiles, wood, metal, plastics, glass, stone, mosaics and other materials;
- 5. Technological media that may develop through artistic pursuit or adaptation of digital, audio, video or graphic media; use of lighting, the internet, and the like; and
- 6. Mixed media, that is, any combination of forms and media.

## 7.0 PROGRAMS

## 7.1 Artist-in-Residence Schools Program

The Trust, with input from MCPS, may periodically select a school in which to create a site specific public art piece. The artist engages the student body to assist with the concept/design and fabrication (if appropriate based on the nature of the artwork and age of the students). The nature and location of the project is determined with the School administration and the Director. Because of limited budgets, projects should be sited indoors or commissioned as semi-permanent artworks if placed outdoors. There is a financial matching requirement of at least \$1,000 for each school (with exceptions made under special circumstances).

Budget cap: \$10,000 per School

## 7.2 Community Center Public Art Program

The Committee, with input from the County, may periodically select a Community Center in which to create a site specific public art piece. The nature and location of the project is determined with the Community Center director and the Director. Because of limited budgets, projects should be sited indoors or commissioned as semi-permanent artworks if placed outdoors.

Budget cap: \$10,000 per Center

#### 7.3 Capital Improvements Projects Program

Every two years prior to each CIP cycle, the Trust works with County and M-NCPPC departments to review projects that are potential candidates for public art. These are typically new construction projects or renovations of existing facilities and are brought to the attention of the Committee through Committee members familiar with CIP projects or through other agency representatives invited to a Committee meeting for this purpose.

After presentations of potential projects by the project manager or representatives from the project's department, the Committee identifies appropriate candidates for public art and recommends allocation of Trust funding. Projects that have been previously reviewed and approved by the Committee during facility planning and have funds already allocated for public art in their proposed construction budget do not require additional review. The Trust typically provides funds for the design fee, manages the commissioning process, and holds the initial design contract with the Artist. The Trust is also responsible for ensuring that the materials, fabrication method, and installation method for the artwork are reviewed and vetted by a Conservator to be hired as a Consultant to the Trust prior to fabrication and installation of the artwork. The project manager, the Committee, and the Director determine the nature and the location of the project. Funding varies by project. For public art projects with a construction budget, a design budget of 20% of the base construction budget is standard. 3% of the total art project budget must be set aside by the contracting agency in a conservation fund to be administered by the Trust. Such funds shall be transferred to the Trust for the sole purpose of conservation and ongoing maintenance of the earmarked artwork for the intended lifespan of the artwork.

Because the Trust believes public art projects should be integrated through the Design Collaboration process whenever possible, projects that are in the planning and design stages are preferred and may be given priority over projects that have completed final design.

#### 7.4 Contemporary Works on Paper Art Collection

Originally called the "Works of Art in Public Places" program, the Contemporary Works on Paper Art Collection began in 1975 with \$7,000 from County bond money and matching funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. With the funds, the County purchased works of art from local, area, and national artists. Most pieces purchased are prints, drawings, or collages. The Collection includes pieces from noted artists Jim Dine, Sam Francis, and Milton Avery. It also includes pieces from local artists such as Joseph Craig English, Raya Bodnarchuk and Mark Leithauser. Works on Paper are collected primarily because of their lower cost and portability. In recent years, the Trust has focused on collecting pieces from Montgomery County artists.

Pieces from the collection are exhibited in public buildings throughout the County and rotated periodically. Since its inception in the mid 1970's, the Collection has grown to over 500 pieces. New pieces were purchased periodically through a juried or selective process.

In 2012, the Trust completed an assessment of the Works on Paper Collection and all documentation has been incorporated into the Database.

The Trust, with some assistance from the Department of General Services, manages the Works on Paper Collection. The Trust will be developing a plan to distribute artworks for public office spaces. The Trust uses Maintenance Funds allocated each year (from the County Operating Budget) to provide long term storage for pieces not currently on exhibit and to frame, maintain, and repair pieces as needed.

## 8.0 SITE AND PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

To assist the Committee in selecting and making recommendations concerning public artworks, the following principles and criteria shall be used:

## 8.1 Criteria for Site Selection

- 1. Site is on public property in Montgomery County, for permanent installations;
- 2. Site is visible and accessible at least eight hours/day;
- 3. There is an opportunity to incorporate permanent, semi-permanent, or temporary works of art into an existing site;
- 4. Art can be introduced to a community where it will enhance the quality of community or place;
- 5. The geographic location has been identified as a focal point in the community; and
- 6. There is little or no public art in a particular area.

## 8.2 Criteria for Project Selection

- 1. It is in keeping with the mission and vision of the Trust;
- 2. There is an opportunity to incorporate permanent artworks during the planning stage via new construction or renovation;
- 3. The project can be a catalyst to facilitate financial and other support from the private and public sector for public art;
- 4. The project presents a good or even unique opportunity to include the work and/or thinking of visual artists in the design and construction;
- 5. There is support for including an artist in the project design from the agency;

- 6. Art could turn an existing negative or disruptive project into a community asset;
- 7. There is an opportunity to form a strong partnership with another agency or jurisdiction which could result in an expanded art project;
- 8. Some funding will be provided by the host agency/client;
- 9. The proposed project or design process includes the artist and the artistic process as a central element; and
- 10. The budget is appropriate for the type of art and/or artistic process envisioned.

In addition, once a site and project are approved, the commissioned artwork shall be guided by the following principles:

## 8.3 Principles for Trust-initiated and Developer-initiated Public Art

- 1. Should be made in active response to the character and history of the site and reflect the creative exchange between the artists and the community;
- 2. Should respect the history and culture of the area;
- 3. Should make a positive contribution to the community;
- 4. Should respect the environment/be sustainable;
- 5. Should be fabricated using the highest professional standards;
- Approval or recommendation of final design by AHCMC is conditional upon conservator vetting of materials, fabrication and future maintenance. AHCMC will provide conservator consultation services; and
- 7. Required maintenance is reasonable.

## 9.0 ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility requirements for each project will be established by the Committee in consultation with the Director. Artists or extant artworks will be selected on the basis of qualifications or quality as demonstrated by past work, appropriateness of the proposal to the particular project, and probability of successful completion. Selection will be based on the criteria listed below in 9.3 and any additional criteria set forth by the Panel.

## 9.1 Public Art Registry

The AHCMC will create a juried Public Art Registry open to local and national professional artists. The AHCMC will support the Public Art Registry, which will be vetted annually by a panel convened by the AHCMC. The Public Art Registry is intended to assist the County and developers in the selection of artists for public art projects.

## 9.2 Multiple Commissions

In order to ensure that the program supports a diversity of artists and artistic expressions, it is the intent of the Trust to minimize multiple commissions awarded to the same artist.

## 9.3 Selection Criteria

Basic criteria for selection of artists, review of designs submitted to the Planning Board, or analysis of existing artworks:

- 1. Quality/originality: demonstrated capabilities of the artist(s) and the merit of the proposed artwork(s);
- 2. Suitability: appropriate in scale, material, form, and content for community and physical environment;
- 3. Durability: demonstrated structural and surface integrity, reasonable maintenance costs and requirements, and resistance to theft and vandalism;
- 4. Safety/Public Liability: artwork will not present issues in these areas. Artwork(s)will be reviewed by appropriate departments or offices (such as Risk Management, Parks Maintenance, Police, Transportation Planning, etc.) to ensure that the proposed or existing artwork(s) do not present safety hazards; and
- 5. Meets any additional specific criteria established in an RFP/RFQ or private development regulations.

## 9.4 The Artist Selection Panel for Public Projects

For each project, the AHCMC will establish an Artist Selection Panel consisting of art experts, agency representatives, and community representatives to identify the best candidate for the project. Panel members may also include representatives from the design firms engaged in the overall project. Members from the Committee will also serve on the Panel. The Panel for a given project will not be less than five members or exceed seven members. The Director will coordinate the Artist Selection Process and will advise the Panel, but will not be a voting member of the Panel.

## 9.5 Method for Selection of an Artist, Artwork, or Proposal

In most cases, an open call for artists is recommended. This call may be distributed locally, nationally or internationally, depending on the project needs. In cases where there is a specific artistic vision or a more renowned artist is desired, an invitational call may be used. Artist registries may be considered for large multi-year, multi-site projects. Selection methods include:

- 1. Open competition/Request for Qualifications or Proposals: any artist may apply, subject to any limitations established by the Panel;
- 2. Limited competition: artists invited by the Panel or already vetted in the Public Artist Registry are invited to submit proposals;
- 3. Hybrid selection: artists selected through a combination of the above; and
- 4. Direct selection: artist(s) or artwork(s) chosen directly by the Panel with invited community and departmental stakeholders, where appropriate, based on recommendations from the Trust Director. Generally, direct selection will not be employed except on those projects where an open or limited call would be impractical.

#### 9.6 Selection Objectives

- 1. Foster a competitive application environment that results in strong proposals from artists and high quality artworks for the County;
- 2. Conduct artist selection early in the project to maximize the artist's impact on the project. When working with a design team, the artist may be brought on before, with, or after the team. It is preferred that the artist be selected as soon as possible during the design phase;
- 3. Create opportunities for a wide range of artists including emerging and established;
- 4. Foster the development of design teams who support artists and select artists who are compatible with the other team members;
- 5. Select artists who are sensitive to the communities in which they will be working;
- 6. Keep application and design costs streamlined; and
- 7. Support an efficient workload for staff, artists and design teams.

## 9.7 Final Artist Award/Commission

Once a decision by the Artist Selection Panel has been made, the decision of the Panel shall be final. The Director will check references of selected artists before the final award is made to the Artist. In the event concerns arise as a result of reference checks, the Director will share these concerns with the Artist Selection Panel, which will make the final determination about awarding the commission to the selected artist.

## **10.0 COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Collections Management Policy guides the development of the Collection for the enjoyment of the public, with direct focus on balancing accessions/deaccessions against the quality, maintenance and conservation of the collection as a whole. These policies pertain to the Collection as well as the Works on Paper Collection.

#### **10.1Donation Policy**

It is recognized that, in addition to the commissioning and purchasing of artwork(s) for the County, that other parties may wish to donate to the Collection. Due to limited maintenance budgets and limited space, the County may not accept all donations. Artworks may subsequently be accessioned into the Collection based upon recommendation of the Committee.

Individuals or organizations looking to donate an artwork(s) to the County must submit a full packet of information for consideration which includes: photographs of the artwork(s), a written statement, including the name of the artist, title, medium, date of execution and all other known history of the work and artist readily available.

Donations of artworks that require the County to pay installation, storage, framing, restoration or repair are not encouraged. The Trust will evaluate such expenditures at

the time the gift is considered. Artwork(s) requiring high or excessive maintenance are not encouraged and may be declined.

### 10.1.1 Criteria for Acceptance

Includes, but is not limited to: quality, site availability, safety, and maintenance concerns. Not all art may be found acceptable. It is recognized that although the County is not actively pursuing gifts of art, it welcomes the opportunity to enrich the quality of environment through the addition of appropriate artworks.

## 10.1.2 Review Period

The Trust requests at least six (6) months to thoroughly review all site options and/or research safety and maintenance concerns.

## 10.1.3 Final Approval

The Trust and the affected County agency or department will make the final decision to accept or decline the offer.

### 10.1.4 Tax Deduction

If a value is to be placed on the donated artwork(s) for tax purposes, the responsibility for establishing said value is with the donor.

### 10.1.5 Donation Process

All persons interested in donating artwork(s) to the County will be required to submit the following information in writing to the Trust:

- 1. The name, address, phone, fax number and e-mail address of the donor or donor's agent;
- 2. Motivation/intent of the donor for offering the artwork(s) to the County;
- 3. Artist's name, resume, birthplace and date, current address if known, gallery representation if any, and examples of artist's previous work;
- 4. Artwork title, medium, dimensions, weight if applicable, date created, signature/inscriptions;
- 5. Current owner, statement of ownership, absence of liens, copy of bill of sale;
- 6. Current location;
- 7. Current condition including conservation history or a conservator's report;
- 8. Maintenance manual and schedule prepared by professional conservator, including an estimate of the annual cost of maintenance;
- 9. Estimated value, as determined by a professional art appraiser (if the artwork is existing);
- 10. Photographs, drawings, models, or designs of proposed artwork(s); and
- 11. Description and samples (if available) of materials and colors.
- 12. Proposed installation schedule;
- 13. Estimated cost and funding source for installation (donor or the Trust);

- 14. Contact information for installer and installation plan, including transportation of the artwork to the site;
- 15. Proof of insurance sufficient to meet the requirements of the County, if applicable; and
- 16. Building permits, if applicable.

#### **10.1.6 Review Procedure**

Acceptance of donations will be decided by the Committee based on the following criteria:

- Artistic Merit The inherent quality and excellence of a proposed artwork(s). Other artistic credentials to consider include training and critical or other professional recognition;
- Context artwork(s) must be compatible in scale, material, form, and content with its surroundings. Consideration should also be given to the architectural, historical, geographical and social/cultural context of the site or community, as well as the way people may interact with the artwork(s);
- Relevant Experience of Artist (if applicable) Experience and professional record of artist/s should provide convincing evidence of ability to successfully complete the project as proposed;
- 4. Permanence/Maintenance Due consideration will be given to the structural and surface soundness, operational costs and inherent resistance to theft, vandalism, weathering and excessive maintenance;
- 5. Technical feasibility and installation method;
- 6. Budget for installation if not provided by the donor;
- 7. Cost to accept, insure and maintain the artwork(s)
- 8. Diversity, in relation to the Collection;
- 9. The artwork(s) is of a nature and quality as to be consistent and to further the aims of the Trust's mission;
- 10. Accessioning the artwork(s) will result in an improvement of the Collection as a whole with particular attention to ease of public access, geographic distribution and variety of medium, scale and dimension; and

## 10.1.7 Artwork Type and Expected Duration

To the extent foreseeable at the time of acquisition, the artwork(s) will remain in the Collection in one of the following "lifetime" statuses, to be determined at the time of acquisition:

- 1. <u>Temporary Works:</u> An expected life-span of up to 18 months. Disposal method must be provided at time of accession. Temporary works include but are not limited to murals, installations, exhibitions, performances.
- 2. <u>Semi-permanent Works</u>: An expected lifespan of up to 15 years. These types of artwork(s) are typically sited at leased spaces, remodeled spaces, or have known deterioration patterns. The artist should be informed of designation as "semi-permanent." The Trust maintains artwork(s) under a general plan of conservation during this period. After 15 years, the Trust will determine

whether the piece will be deaccessioned, conserved, or remade. A standard guideline is that if conservation exceeds 50% of appraised value, the work is deaccessioned.

- 3. <u>Permanent Work</u>: Any artwork(s) that is intended and expected to survive as long as possible beyond 15 years. At time of design proposal, a 15 year maintenance plan and estimated costs would be established barring major damage caused by vandalism or catastrophic weather.
- 4. <u>Site Integrated Works:</u> Artwork(s) that is physically part of the facility and cannot be removed without destroying the artwork(s) or facility. The lifespan may be temporary, semi-permanent, or permanent, but terminates with the destruction of the site or that part of the site which contains the work. It would also terminate with the end of County ownership of the site.

## 10.1.8 Placement/Site Considerations

If a donor has specified a site, the artwork(s) should significantly contribute to the setting from a functional or design standpoint and significantly enhance the chosen location in a way meaningful to the public. The following factors will be considered:

- 1. Visibility
- 2. Traffic patterns (both interior and exterior)
- 3. Public safety
- 4. Relationship to existing or planned architectural and natural features
- 5. Users of the site
- 6. Future development plans for the area (if known)
- 7. Landscape design
- 8. Existing artwork(s) within the proposed site vicinity
- 9. Environmental concerns
- 10. Public accessibility to the artwork(s), including ADA requirements
- 11. Social context (intended use of the work if any)
- 12. Significance to the proposed artwork(s).

#### 10.1.9 Final Acceptance

Final acceptance of donated artwork(s) will be made by the Committee and acknowledged through a written statement to the donor or donor's agent. Final acceptance will require an Acceptance Agreement.

#### **10.2 Deaccession Policy**

The County shall retain the right to remove any County-owned artwork in the Collection. It should be recognized, however, that the deaccession of an artwork(s) before the end of its anticipated lifespan should be a rare and unusual measure. The commissioning or acceptance of a unique artwork should also be an acknowledgement that the creative process entails a level of risk, and that responses to artworks are often varied and subjective. A recommendation for removal of an individual artwork from the Collection and/or the Works on Paper Collection may be made only after careful consideration of the following criteria by the Trust and approved by the Committee and the Department of Recreation.

The Visual Artists Rights Act, effective June 1, 1991, offers the artist a protection of his or her right of integrity and right of attribution and must be dealt with carefully in the contract.

## 10.2.1. Conditions for Deaccessioning

It is the policy of the Montgomery County government under the advisement of the Trust that artworks be recommended for removal only in unusual circumstances and only if reasonable cause has been established by one or more of the following:

- 1. The artwork's present condition poses a safety hazard to the public;
- 2. The artwork has been damaged or has deteriorated to the point that it can no longer be represented to be the original artwork;
- 3. The restoration of the artwork's structural or aesthetic integrity is technically not feasible, or the expense of restoring is disproportionate to the original cost of the artwork;
- 4. The architectural support (building, wall, plaza) is to be destroyed and the artwork cannot be removed intact for relocation;
- 5. The use of this particular public space may have changed, and/or the artwork may have lost its contextual meaning and it cannot be re-sited;
- 6. The artwork cannot be re-sited or re-siting the artwork would be inappropriate;
- 7. The artwork requires excessive and inappropriate conservation and/or maintenance or has faults of design or workmanship which can be termed inherent vice;
- 8. An artwork is not, or is rarely, on display because of lack of a suitable site.
- 9. The condition or security of the artwork cannot be reasonably guaranteed in its present location;
- 10. The County wishes to replace the artwork with a work of more significance by the same artist;
- 11. The artwork does not meet the mission of the Collection;
- 12. Removal has been requested by the organization displaying the artwork or by the artist;
- 13. The artwork is proved to be inauthentic or in violation of existing copyright laws; and/or
- 14. The artwork has received documented and unabated adverse reaction from a measurably large number of citizens and/or organizations based within the community where the artwork is located over at least five years and modifications of the artwork as per discussions with the artist are not possible.

### **10.2.3** Deaccessioning Procedures

Periodically, but preferably at a minimum of once every five years, the Committee will review the Collection. A review of the County's Works on Paper Collection shall occur separately.

If necessary, the Committee will designate an advisory Sub-Committee composed of visuals art professionals (e.g., artists, museum curators, conservators, art historians) to review specific items proposed for deaccession and make recommendations to the Committee and the Department of Recreation about the disposition of these works. Procedures for deaccessioning are initiated by a majority vote of the Committee. In some cases, a Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Committee which will evaluate the artwork based on the Conditions for De-Accession listed in Section 10.2.1. Deaccessioning procedures may begin if the Committee or Sub-Committee determines that the artwork meets one or more of the conditions listed in Section 10.2.1.

Once a deaccessioning determination by the Committee or the Sub-committee has been made, the following procedures will be followed:

- 1. Trust staff prepares a report which indicates:
  - a. Reviewing any restrictions which may apply to the artwork based on contract review, the condition of the artwork;
  - b. An analysis of the reasons for deaccessioning;
  - c. Options for storage or disposition of the artwork; and
  - d. Appraised value of the artwork, if obtainable.
- 2. The Committee or Sub-Committee reviews the report. Either of these committees may seek additional information from artists, galleries, conservators and other artist professionals prior to its recommendation.
- 3. A recommendation for action is sent to the Committee, and if approved, is referred to the Department of Recreation.
- 4. In the event that a recommendation to deaccession is made by the Trust and approved by the Department of Recreation:
  - a. The artist will be informed in writing of this decision and a plan made for either return of the deaccessioned artwork, including title, to the artist, or for appropriate disposal/destruction of the artwork;
  - b. If the artwork was a donated gift, the donor will be contacted in writing of the intent to deaccession, and similar courtesies followed; and
  - c. Appropriate public notification will be made.
- 5. After proper public notification, the Committee will consider the following actions: (in order of priority)
  - a. Sale or Trade:
    - Sale through auction, art gallery or dealer resale, or direct bidding by individuals, in compliance with County law and policies governing surplus property;

- Trade through artist, gallery, museum, or other institutions for one or more other artwork(s) of comparable value by the same artist;
- b. Indefinite loan to another governmental entity
- c. Destruction of artwork deteriorated or damaged beyond repair at a reasonable cost, and deemed to be of no or only a negligible value, in accordance with national standards for conservation and deaccession. (citation here?)
- d. Re-donation, sale or other arrangement agreed upon with the donor or artist at the time of the County's acquisition of the artwork.
- 6. Any financial costs incurred to implement removal and/or disposal of the artwork will be funded by maintenance funds provided by the County

#### 10.3 Relocation of Public Art

From time to time, artworks need to be re-sited due to renovation, construction, or sale of property, or because the context of the original site has changed. In the event of the need to remove an artwork, the Trust staff will work with County agencies and facilities to find an appropriate new location for the Artwork where feasible.

The Artist will be notified of such a need and shall have the opportunity to comment on the proposed new locations, but the Trust will make the final determination. The Trust staff will prepare a recommendation on the new location of the artwork for approval by the Committee and the affected County department or agency, via the Department of Recreation.

Any financial costs incurred to re-locate an artwork will be funded by maintenance funds provided by the County.

#### 10.4 Maintenance and Preservation

The acquisition of artwork(s) carries with it the responsibility for and commitment to maintaining the condition in which it was meant to be enjoyed by the public. The Trust is only responsible for the conservation and maintenance of permanent and semi-permanent artworks that have been formally accessioned into the Collection as well as the Works on Paper collection. Public artworks commissioned by private developers are not the property of the County and therefore cannot be accessioned into the collection and the Trust is not responsible for their conservation and maintenance. The private developer is responsible for the maintenance and/or conservation of all such artworks. To manage the collection, the AHCMC maintains a database that includes information and images of all artworks. All inventory numbers for public artworks in the collection begin with PA; works on paper begin with WP; works donated and on view in public institutions which have not been officially accessioned into the collection begin with ZZ. Artworks commissioned by a private developer include suffix DV at end of inventory number.

The Trust staff is responsible for:

- 1. Oversight of the Public Art Collection Survey and submittal of the Conservation and Maintenance plan for Trust review every 3 years;
- 2. All maintenance and curatorial services for the Collection.

The artist is responsible for:

- 1. Guaranteeing and/or securing manufacturers' warranties for the artwork against all defects of material or workmanship for a period of two years following installation;
- 2. Providing Trust staff with installation diagrams detailing hardware and foundation structures and detailed instructions regarding routine maintenance of the artwork, which shall become part of the AHCMC Collection Archives and Database; and
- 3. Responding to opportunities to accomplish necessary repairs and preservation or consult on such repairs, as appropriate.

# Public Arts Trust of Montgomery County

## Criteria for Project/Site Selection Template

Date:	
Project Name:	
Location:	
Project Manager:	
CIP number:	

Criteria	Maximum points	Evaluation Points
1. Development Opportunities	20	
2. Community visibility	20	
3. Geographic location/does area lack public art?	20	
4. Quality of opportunities for artist(s)	10	
<ol><li>Budget—matching funds/funding in CIP project budget?</li></ol>	20	
6. Support of project manager/staff resources	10	
7. Timing—what stage is the project at?	10	
Total	100	

Notes/Questions:

AHCMC Database and Maintenance Information				
Date:				
Artist Name:				
Artist Email:Artist Phone Number:				
Artist Mailing Address:				
Title of Artwork:				
Inventory Number: (To be assigned by Trust staff)				
Location:				
Address:				
Name of Contact Person at Site:				
Phone Number of Contact Person:				
E-mail of Contact Person:				
Installation date of Artwork:				
Trust Funds: Agency Funds: Contract #				
Materials Used (be as specific as possible):				
Fabrication Information: Where fabricated? How fabricated?				
Brief Description of Artwork and Edition Number if Applicable (can add attachment):				
Dimensions of Artwork:				
Dimension of Frame or Base:				
Signed:				
Maintenance Required (e.g., washing, waxing, etc.) and Frequency:				
Consulting Conservator and Contact Information:				
Artist Signature:				
Date:				

# Transfer of Title

## For valuable consideration

This is to certify that	has
taken possession of the following public Artwork.	
This certifies that the project has been completed and the contract has been fulfil	led.
Project and/or Title of Piece:	
Artist:	
Address:	
Location:	
Address:	
County Representative/Project Manager (print):	
Signature:	
AHCMC Representative:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Appendix B: Chapter 8 of the Montgomery County Code Article VI Works of Art in Public Architecture

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:	Health and Human Services Committee
FROM:	Justina J. Ferber, Agislative Analyst
SUBJECT:	Recommended FY13-18 CIP, Culture and Recreation, Public Arts Trust

The following individuals are expected to attend: Suzan Jenkins, CEO, Arts and Humanities Council Gabe Albornoz, Director, Department of Recreation Jennifer Bryant, Analyst, Office of Management and Budget Mary Beck, CIP Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget

## **Executive Recommendation**

For the FY13-18 CIP, the Executive recommends a total of \$560,000 to fund the Public Arts Trust (PAT) with no appropriation scheduled for FY13 and FY14 and \$140,000 for each of the remaining four years of the six-year CIP. The Executive has indicated he will allocate some funding in FY13 in the operating budget for public arts maintenance. The PAT PDF No. 729658 is attached at @1.

# **AHCMC Materials and Request**

The Public Arts Trust is managed by the Arts and Humanities Council (AHCMC). The AHCMC has provided a memorandum at @3 with the following information: a) background narrative @3; b) a summary of PAT activities since February 2010 @4; c) public arts maintenance report @4-6; d) PAT project descriptions @6-7; e) a request for CIP support of \$65,000 @7; and f) a list of current PAT Steering Committee members @8. For the worksession, the AHCMC CEO will provide a brief update on the status of the PAT and will be available to respond to Committee questions. The AHCMC requests funds for administration of the PAT which would provide \$30,000 for staffing and \$35,000 for conservation and implementation of a maintenance program. They also request \$10,000 for maintenance in the operating budget.

# Public Hearing Testimony and Correspondence

Attached is public hearing testimony and correspondence from the following individuals in support of funding for the Public Arts Trust for FY13 and FY14:

Public Hearing Testimony:

• Suzan Jenkins, CEO, AHCMC, ©11-13

• Dr. Michele Cohen, Custodian of Montgomery County Public Arts, ©14-16 Correspondence:

- Suzan Jenkins, CEO, AHCMC, ©17-18
- Molly Hauck, Kensington, ©20
- Kenneth Lowenberg, Potomac, ©21
- Kathleen Moran, Rockville, ©22

# Public Arts Trust Program

The Public Arts Trust was established in 1995 to buy and display works of art on public property in the County, and to sponsor privately-funded temporary or permanent displays of art on public property in the County. The Trust is established under County Code Chapter 8, Article VI, "Works of Art in Public Architecture".

By law the CAO or a designee must administer the Trust in consultation with the AHCMC, MCPS, Montgomery College, and M-NCPPC. The CAO has designated the Department of Recreation as the County's point of contact with the Public Arts Trust. The County contracts with the Arts and Humanities Council to manage the program.

§8-45: Each year the County Council should consider appropriating funds for the next fiscal year to the Public Arts Trust in an amount equal to .05% of the combined total approved programmed capital expenditures for the then current fiscal year for County Government, Public Schools, Montgomery College, and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

This non-binding language is intended as a guideline for appropriations, and permits the Council to appropriate at a level other than the formula amount. The law says that each year the Council should consider funding the Public Arts Trust at the formula level. The PAT is funded with current revenue and the amount of funding has been adjusted each year according to affordability. The calculated formula for FY13 is \$395,732. In view of the current fiscal constraints, Council staff would not recommend funding at the formula level.

## **Budget Background and CE Recommendation**

The approved <u>FY09-10 PDF</u> included level expenditures of \$140,000 per year for each of the six years in the CIP period for the PAT. In mid-FY10, the Council approved the Executive's recommendation to reduce PAT funding by \$55,000 for fiscal reasons, leaving a budget of \$85,000 which was then reduced again in FY10 by \$40,000 for a total of \$45,000.

The following was reported from the HHS Committee discussion of the PAT on February 25, 2010 for the <u>FY11-12 CIP</u>: "Ms. Jenkins requested that the Committee recommend a shift of \$15,000 per year from the "Other" category to "Planning, Design, and Supervision" to enable the AHCMC to hire full-time staff to manage the PAT. She said that the AHCMC had determined that the current funding of \$35,000 for a part-time PAT manager was not sufficient to meet the

needs of the Trust including the added responsibility for the "Works on Paper" program. Committee members agreed to support Ms. Jenkins' request, but emphasized that funding for the PAT may have to be revisited after the Council receives the Executive's operating budget." See ©9-10.

The HHS Committee reviewed the PAT again on April 21, 2010. Because of the Executive's proposed reductions in other areas of the budget and further declines and shortfalls in revenues, funding for the PAT program was deleted. The Committee updated its recommendations to delete full funding in FY11 and FY12, a reduction of \$140,000 per year, and to fund the PAT at \$140,000 per year, with \$50,000 for "Planning, Design, and Supervision", and \$90,000 for "Other" in years FY13-FY16.

The AHCMC agreed to suspension of the PAT program due to the extreme and unusual fiscal situation with the understanding that the program would be restored after the suspension period. The AHCMC agreed, expecting the PAT to return to level expenditures of \$140,000 per year for FY13-16 as approved by the Council.

For the <u>FY13-18 CIP</u>, the Executive recommends a total of \$560,000 to fund the PAT with no appropriation scheduled for FY13 and FY14 and \$140,000 for each of the remaining four years of the six-year CIP. The Executive has indicated he will allocate some funding in FY13 in the operating budget for public arts maintenance.

# **Items for Discussion**

**Maintenance Management:** One of the purposes of the PAT project is to protect and maintain the County's art collection. The suspension of funding in FY11-12 contributes to the deterioration of some pieces in the collection. The County has \$4 million in art assets and expertise is needed to oversee the collection. The lack of funding in FY13-14 will continue for the vacant position that assists in the PAT project. Without funding in the CIP (even if maintenance funds are provided in the operating budget), there is no position to supervise the maintenance of the collection. A small investment could prevent further deterioration of art pieces and reduce the County's risk and exposure to accidents involving deteriorating art.

According to the HHS Committee discussion in 2010, PAT funds categorized as "Planning, Design and Supervision" in the CIP were used for the administration of the PAT program. The AHCMC is asking that funding be restored. The County Code at ©23-24 allows funds from the PAT to be used to pay the cost of administering the fund.

The PDF indicates that an amount yet to be determined will be allocated to the operating budget for maintenance of the public art that currently exists, but does not address the issue of maintenance management of the collection. **Operating Budget:** The PAT is currently funded at \$9,000 in the operating budget and if no additional funding is provided in the CIP, the Executive should be encouraged to provide additional funding for maintenance and maintenance management in the operating budget well beyond the current \$9,000.

**Plan:** The AHCMC would like to develop a collection and maintenance plan for the PAT. The plan would provide a strategy for preservation and a forecast of how much funding is needed in future years for preservation and maintenance. Funding in the FY13-14 CIP would encourage the development of a collection and maintenance plan and make future funding more predictable.

# **Council staff recommendation**

Council staff recommends funding the PAT at half of the \$140,000 that was promised in the PAT project approved in FY11. Half would be \$70,000 each for FY13 and FY14 - \$50,000 for Planning, Design and Supervision and \$20,000 for "Other" category.

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# Public Arts Trust -- No. 729658

Culture and Recreation Category Recreation Subcategory Recreation Administering Agency Countywide Planning Area

Date Last Modified Required Adequate Public Facility Relocation Impact Status

January 09, 2012 No None. On-going

## **EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)**

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	217	17	0	200	0	0	50	50	50	50	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	475	0	115	360	0	0	90	90	90	90	0
Total	692	17	115	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	*
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Current Revenue: General	692	17	115	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	0
Total	692	17	115	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	0

#### DESCRIPTION

Effective April 12, 1995, the County Council enacted legislation providing for the creation of a Public Arts Trust. The purpose of this program is to incorporate art into public facilities and sponsor privately-funded temporary or permanent displays of art on public property. As written, the County Chief Administrative Officer [CAO] administers the trust in consultation with the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC), Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Montgomery County Parks Commission. The request for County funds for this project will be determined annually. The guidelines state that the annual request for the next fiscal year will be .05 percent of the total approved programmed capital expenditures for the current year Capital Improvements Program of the County Government, Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Each year, the County Council should consider appropriating this amount but may appropriate any amount.

## COST CHANGE

Funding has been suspended for FY13 and FY14 to allocate an amount to be determined in the operating budget for maintenance of the public art that currently exists. The Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council has recommended that rather than continue to add to the inventory of art, we must spend funds to maintain the current inventory. Funding for FY17 and FY18 has been added.

#### JUSTIFICATION

Bill 12-94, a revision to the Art in Public Architecture law, provides for the creation of a Public Arts Trust. The Public Arts Trust is administered by the County Chief Administrative Officer.

#### FISCAL NOTE

The Public Arts Trust is implemented through the Department of Recreation via an outside contract with the AHCMC.

#### OTHER DISCLOSURES

- \* Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA			COORDINATION Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery	MAP
Date First Appropriation	FY96	(\$000)	County Montgomery County Public Schools	
First Cost Estimate Current Scope	FY13	692	Montgomery College	ALA
Last FY's Cost Estimate		692	Department of General Services	
Appropriation Request	FY13	0	County Executive Chief Administrative Officer	
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0		
Supplemental Appropriation Re-	quest	0		A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
Transfer		0		A HORE WAY ON
Cumulative Appropriation		132		
Expenditures / Encumbrances		81		A A A
Unencumbered Balance		51		
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	1,751		
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0		
Total Partial Closeout		1,751		
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# Public Arts Trust -- No. 729658

Category Subcategory Administering Agency Planning Area Culture and Recreation Recreation Recreation Countywide Date Last Modified Required Adequate Public Facility Relocation Impact Status November 16, 2010 No None. On-going

## EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY10	Rem. FY10	Total 6 Years	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	50	50	50	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	492	0	132	360	0	0	90	90	90	90	0
Total	692	0	132	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	*
FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)											
Current Revenue: General	692	0	132	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	0
Total	692	0	132	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	0

## DESCRIPTION

Effective April 12, 1995, the County Council enacted legislation providing for the creation of a Public Arts Trust. The purpose of this program is to incorporate art into public facilities and sponsor privately-funded temporary or permanent displays of art on public property. As written, the County Chief Administrative Officer [CAO] administers the trust in consultation with the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC), Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Montgomery County Parks Commission. The request for County funds for this project will be determined annually. The guidelines state that the annual request for the next fiscal year will be .05 percent of the total approved programmed capital expenditures for the current year Capital Improvements Program of the County Government, Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Each year, the County Council should consider appropriating this amount but may appropriate any amount.

## COST CHANGE

Reduce funding in FY10 by \$40,000 and delete funding for FY11 and FY12. Add funding in FY15 and FY16 to this ongoing project.

## JUSTIFICATION

Bill 12-94, a revision to the Art in Public Architecture law, provides for the creation of a Public Arts Trust. The Public Arts Trust is administered by the County Chief Administrative Officer.

#### FISCAL NOTE

The Public Arts Trust is implemented through the Department of Recreation via an outside contract with the AHCMC.

The PDF reflects a reduction in FY10 expenditures and funding for fiscal capacity.

## **OTHER DISCLOSURES**

-\* Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA			COORDINATION Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery	MAP
Date First Appropriation	FY96	(\$000)	County Mantenana County Dublic Schools	
First Cost Estimate Current Scope	FY11	813	Montgomery County Public Schools Montgomery College M-NCPPC	ACAS
Last FY's Cost Estimate		813	Department of General Services	27 124
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Appropriation Request	FY12	0	Chief Administrative Officer	1 States ()
Supplemental Appropriation Re	quest	0		The Add A A A
Transfer		0		
Cumulative Appropriation		132		
Expenditures / Encumbrances		128		
Unencumbered Balance		4		
Partial Closeout Thru	FY09	1,630		
New Partial Closeout	FY10	121		
Total Partial Closecut		1,751		

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## MEMORANDUM

To:	Councilmember	George	Leventhal,	Chair,	HHS	Committee
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- CC: Justina Ferber, Legislative Analyst
- From: Suzan Jenkins, CEO, Arts and Humanities Council, Montgomery County
- Re: CIP Allocation for the Public Arts Trust #729658

Date: February 27, 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to highlight the contributions and activities of the Public Arts Trust (PAT), a program managed by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County under contract with the County Department of Recreation.

The mission of the Public Arts Trust is to build and inspire communities through placemaking, to nurture artists engaged in public art, and care for the County's extensive collection of public art. Artwork under the jurisdiction of Trust is ALL OVER the county, in schools, parks, plazas, libraries, office buildings: the EOB, the COB, the Judicial Center, Health and Human Services. The people of Montgomery County interact with it every day. Among the County's notable works are sculptures and installations by Louise Nevelson, Martin Puryear, Jim Sanborn, Heidi Lippman, and Vicki Scuri--a cultural legacy that must be preserved for future generations. Through our recent work we have identified that there are 868 works of art in the Public Art Collection (568 works on paper, 300 sculpture/murals) by nationally known and significant local artists.

The Public Arts Trust, in its current form, has been managed by the Arts and Humanities Council since 1995 when the law creating the Trust was enacted. Chapter 8 of the Montgomery County Code, Article VI, "Works of Art in Public Architecture," Section 8-45 states that, "Each year the County Council should consider appropriating funds for the next fiscal year to the Public Arts Trust in an amount equal to 0.05% of the combined total approved capital expenditures for the then-current fiscal year for County Government, Public Schools, Montgomery College and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission."

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The Public Arts Trust is currently guided by a Steering Committee (see attached list) comprised of private sector representatives with expertise in public art, representatives of government agencies including the Department of Recreation, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the Department of Public Works and Transportation, City of Gaithersburg, City of Rockville, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and community representatives. Funds for Public art staff were eliminated in FY11 and permanent staff was dismissed.

Although limited funding was available for public art during FY11, and no funding was appropriated for FY12, the Steering Committee has been committed to improving the public art program and has focused on three areas: private developers, the County Capital Improvements Program (C.I.P.), and advocacy to spur support for public art.

- The Private Developer Subcommittee convened a focus group of developers to determine their interests and continues to work on the issues identified, including creating guidelines for site identification, artist selection, and ongoing maintenance..
- O The C.I.P Subcommittee determined that a recommendation for public art needs to be introduced in the initial planning stage, known as a "Program of Requirements," for each facility. To do this, two audiences need to be persuaded of the importance of public art. First are County government staff who plan facilities and second are the Citizen Advisory Boards (CABs) which are organized by regions corresponding to the Regional Service Centers. The subcommittee recommended meeting with both these groups prior to the C.I.P. preparation in the fall.
- Advocacy became the focus of the committee as a whole when it was decided that not just the County government staff and CABs need to be educated about public art, but rather the entire community. It was agreed that, without community advocacy, the budget for public art would suffer. Raising the profile of the public art program became the advocacy objective. To accomplish this, AHCMC worked to improve the visibility of public art on the AHCMC website and to implement a "promo" for the public art program which is now displayed on our website and used for presentations to County staff and community members.

**NEW PUBLIC ART:** One new project was budgeted for FY11--public art for the Evans Parkway Neighborhood Park. The construction and installation of the work is budgeted in the Parks Department, while the Public Art Trust was responsible for selecting and paying the artist for the design. No new projects were budgeted for FY12.

**PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE:** \$9,000 in funds for public art maintenance was provided in the FY12 AHCMC operating budgets. These funds were used to repair several small projects such as the *Turning Point* Mural, *Penguin Rush Hour*, and to store public art pieces that need major conservation, like the *Gateway to the Mind* piece by Mary Ann Unger, which a conservator has determined will cost \$25,000 to clean, repair, and reassemble. Other pieces earmarked for assessment and treatment include:

Inventory Number: PA 1051
 Artist: Muriel Castanis (1926-1986) represented by O.K. Harris Gallery
 Title: Spirit of Freedom, 1990-92
 Medium: bronze, originally patinated green, on concrete base

Size: Slightly over life-size Location: Rockville, Montgomery District Court, S Washington St. now on side of building. . About 50% of original green patina is gone.

2) Inventory Number: PA 1159

Artist: Joseph A. McDonnell Title: Alba Rosa, 1988 Medium: granite, concrete Location: Silver Spring Garage #7 Fenwick Lane near Second Ave. Note: Granite slabs forming pyramidal base have shifted and are unstable

3) Inventory Number: PA 1154

Artist: Albert Paley Title: Criss-Cross, 1992 Medium: painted steel Size: Tallest element, about 14' h Location: Silver Spring, Fenton and Burlington, relocated there in 2004 Note: See current photos. New foundation and site should be considered as part of treatment.

- 4) Inventory Number: PA 1126
  Artist: Lisa Kaslow
  Title: Cogi-Gate, 1990
  Medium: painted steel
  Size: approx. 12' x 12'
  Location: Silver Spring, Northwood High School
  Note: Sculpture has been repainted wrong color and 50% of the painting is peeling.
- 5) Inventory Number: PA 1008

Artist: Azriel and Irene Awret Title: Space Horses, c. 1990 Medium: bronze Location: Germantown, Clopper Mill E.S.

6) Inventory Number: PA 1008A Due: by April 1, 2012, weather permitting Artist: Azriel and Irene Awret Title: Leap Frog, c. 1990 Medium: bronze Size:
Location: Germantown, Clopper Mill E.S.

## Sculptures to be treated, budget permitting

7) Inventory Number: PA 1031 Due: by June 30, 2012 Artist: Marcia Billig Title: The Juggler, 1989 Medium: bronze Size: approx. 6-1/2' h on 1-1/2' h base Location: Silver Spring, Woodside Park Note: Bronze needs to be cleaned and waxed and missing elements need to be refabricated.

8) Inventory Number: PA 1020

Artist: Marcia Billig Title: The Lion, 1989 Medium: bronze Size: approx. 6-1/2' h on 1-1/2' h base Location: Silver Spring, on corner in front of library on Colesville Road Note: Bronze needs to be cleaned and waxed. Staining on pedestal needs to be cleaned.

9) Inventory Number: PA 1303 Due: by June 30, 2012
 Artist: Peter King
 Title: Synchronicity, 1989
 Medium: Ceramic
 Size: approx. 12'h
 Location: Silver Spring, AHCMC, 801 Ellsworth Drive

**PUBLIC ART TUST PROJECTS:** In FY12, we continued working with the County's Department of General Services to provide technical expertise to address the compromised condition and safety hazard posed by Julio Treichberg's piece at the Germantown Community Center, which will have to be removed. We are also working with DGS to re-install the mural titled *Penguin Rush Hour* that was removed from the Silver Spring Metro Station when reconstruction of the station began and will be reinstalled when construction is completed. We received a \$5000 grant from Maryland State Arts Council for the reinstallation and matching funds will come from the "Pennies for Penguins" fund that is managed by AHCMC.

In September 2011 AHCMC launched the FaceBook version of the *Where's Ike* Campaign and Contest to bring local and national attention to our public art collection. We also hired an experienced Public Art Trust Consultant, Dr. Michele Cohen. As the founding Director of New York City's Public Art for Public Schools program for twenty years, Dr. Cohen inventoried the collection, instituted a collection management system, formulated guidelines for new commissions, and oversaw hundreds of new commissions and conservation projects.

We also hired an experienced Works on Paper Consultant, Crystal Polis. As the Curator of the Naval Historical Center, Navy Art Collection from 2002-2006, Crystal cared for a collection of approximately 15,000 works of art (paintings, works on paper, and sculpture) and managed the loan program of artwork to Pentagon, military bases, museums and U.S. government offices and conducted research for publishers, scholars and the general public.

As a result of this work done by the Steering Committee and the Consultants, we have developed a data base to manage all aspects of the collection, including curatorial information, current condition, and ownership responsibilities; created a partnership with Montgomery College and other area colleges and universities to implement an intern program to survey the current condition of the collection; computerized the survey form on portable tablets to allow for easy future surveys; hired a staff

conservator to provide condition assessments of most endangered artworks, perform conservation, and work with public art contractor, Dr. Michele Cohen, to train appropriate county staff to perform basic maintenance. .We are also in the process of developing a deaccession policy and public art commission and conservation guidelines for developers.

**PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL:** AHCMC was instrumental in sourcing and hiring a designer for the *Public Safety Memorial* and managing the funds necessary to match the \$150,000 State bond for construction. The *Public Safety Memorial* was completed in December, 2011. It is a deeply moving tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The dedication is planned for Spring 2012 with a date in April 2012 TBD.

**<u>REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THE FY13/14 PAT CIP</u>:** Considering the initial \$4M investment made with taxpayer dollars into the collection, AHCMC now needs funds to manage and conserve the County's collection. As the old adage goes, "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure." Just as we expect developers to maintain public art on private property, we must set an example. Deteriorating artworks in schools and community centers sends a negative message to County residents. Of even greater concern, is danger to public safety.

As of the 2003 maintenance report, 41 pieces were listed in the worst condition; we estimate that the real number is close to 50, or 15% of the collection of public art. A significant percentage of the collection is in schools and other public spaces and they must be treated ASAP because they present a safety hazard. The County must act ASAP to protect the collection so that pieces like that of major artist, Brower Hatcher, won't have to be removed as it was several years ago because it was so severely damaged. Conservation for a public agency or arts non-profit requires team effort of knowledgeable administrators, conservators, and cooperation of county maintenance folks. AHCMC now has the momentum to manage the County's public art collection responsibly. Just as County invests funds to maintain buildings, artworks require resources – both human and fiscal – for maintenance as well.

Additionally, on March 9, 2010 the Council tentatively approved the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee's recommendation "...to approve the Executive's recommended FY11-16 budget for the Public Arts Trust with one change — to shift \$15,000 between cost elements so that Planning, Design, and Supervision would be increased to \$50,000, and "Other" would be decreased to \$90,000. " The Committee recommend a shift of \$15,000 per year from the "Other" category to "Planning, Design, and Supervision" to enable the Arts and Humanities Council to hire full time staff to manage the Public Arts Trust. The Arts and Humanities Council has determined that \$35,000 for a part time Public Arts Trust manager is not sufficient to meet the needs of the Trust, including the added responsibility for the "Works on Paper" program.

Councilmember Leventhal, as the County Council considers funds for the Public Art Trust and understanding Montgomery County's current budget constraints, we respectfully ask that you consider a budget of at least \$65,000 for the Trust which would include \$30,000 for staffing and \$35,000 for conservation and the implementation of a maintenance program. We also ask that the full amount for maintenance in our operating budget - \$10,000, be restored to the Arts and Humanities Council General Operating Budget. Such a budget allocation will allow the Arts and Humanities Council to maintain and manage the collection and conserve the County's assets in this most valuable public trust.

Respectfully submitted, Suzan Jenkins

## **Public Art Trust Steering Committee**

The Trust is guided by a Steering Committee that includes artists, business representatives, at-large members of the community and staff from County departments and agencies, including the County Department of General Services and the Parks Department of M-NCPPC.

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## MEMORANDUM

February 19, 2010

Suzan Maher, Jeffrey Bourne Department of Recreation

Suzan Jenkins <

FROM:

TO:

RE:

Allocation for the Public Arts Trust CIP #729658

Per your meeting on September 29, 2009, with Susie Leong and Shellie Williams, I am writing to further the conversation with regard to Allocation for the Public Arts Trust - CIP#729658.

I am writing now to request an increase the amount outlined in the "Planning, Design, and Supervision" portion of the CIP allocation for the Public Arts Trust. The current amount is 25% of the annual allocation. We suggest an increase (minimally) to 39%.

Please note that this is not a request to increase the current County allocation of funding for the Trust, but a request for an adjustment regarding how the funds are apportioned on the bi-annual Program Description Form (PDF) provided by OMB. A change in the allocation would allow for greater flexibility with the annual County contract with AHCMC.

For the past several years, the Trust has been allocated funds for "Planning, Design, and Supervision" and for "Other." (See attached copies of past PDF's.) AHCMC has interpreted "Other" to mean non-administrative costs for the Trust. This includes design fees to artists and construction costs and any direct program costs.

AHCMC has interpreted "Planning, Design, and Supervision" as costs related to administration of the Trust programs. This includes: salaries and payroll taxes, mileage reimbursement, parking, postage, staff development, subscriptions, office supplies and office costs (photocopying and printing). Since 2007, the total annual CIP allocation has been \$140,000 (with an exception/change for FY10 for \$85,000). The portion allowed on the PDF for "Planning, Design, and

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Supervision" for that same period has been \$35,000 which represents 25% of the total allocation (41% of \$85,000 for FY10). It is our hope that full funding of \$140,000 will be restored in FY11 as recommended in the County Executive's Budget.

While 25% is not an unreasonable amount to set aside for program administration, \$35,000 does not reflect the true amount necessary to staff and maintain the Trust as needed given the County's size and needs.

Staffing for the Trust currently includes a Director position at 20 hours per week (50% FTE). Additional support is provided by other AHCMC senior staff including the CEO. Due to the low "Planning, Design, and Supervision" allotment in the CIP, AHCMC must pay benefits for the Trust personnel as well as staff time spent on the Trust by supervisory personnel from the AHCMC General Operation budget. This fact has caused an unjustified burden on our General Operation budget.

In addition to providing the services outlined in the annual County contract, which includes providing service to the various departments who seek assistance regarding public art and managing at least three to five new commissions and installations per year, the Director position also manages, maintains, and rotates artwork for the County's Works on Paper Contemporary Art Collection and addresses any maintenance needs/relocation of artwork requests that arise from various departments. For the past five years, the Trust has also managed the Visions Exhibition Space at the North Bethesda Conference Center, selecting and overseeing four exhibitions of professional Montgomery County artists per year. Based on the services and hours needed by the County for its public art program, we believe the current staffing configuration is what is minimally required.

Besides personnel costs, the Trust incurs costs for other administrative needs such as mileage reimbursement, parking, postage, staff development, subscriptions, office supplies, printing and photocopying. As you can see from past actual budgets, the total amount for "Planning, Design, and Supervision" exceeds the amount that has been outlined by the PDF in past years.

An increase in the PDF allocation to 39% would increase the amount allowed for Planning, Design and Supervision to \$54,600 which would more accurately reflect the true cost of administration based on our past and current budget figures.

In conclusion, given the amount of staff time and expertise needed to run a public art program, AHCMC is requesting that the amount on the PDF that is designated for "Planning, Design, and Supervision" be increased to at least 39% of the annual allocation assuming restored funding to \$140,000.

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# Suzan Jenkins Testimony for the FY13/FY14 Proposed CIP Budget for the Public Arts Trust February 9, 2012 Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County

Council President Berliner, esteemed members of the County Council, thank you for your past support of the arts and humanities in Montgomery County. I am here today to ask you to appropriate funding for the Public Arts Trust (PAT) in FY13/FY14.

The Arts and Humanities Council (AHCMC) was distressed to learn that appropriation was not included in the FY13/FY14 Public Arts Trust CIP #729658 as this funding is critical to protect and maintain the County's assets of over \$4M already invested in public art. A Cost Change for FY13 and 14 is noted in CIP#729658 to allocate a TBD amount to AHCMC's operating budget for maintenance of assets currently in the Trust.

I ask you now to allocate an appropriate level of funding in the CIP that will allow AHCMC to manage the Trust responsibly. Even funding 50% of the former allocation would be hugely impactful.

As you may recall, funding for the PAT CIP was severely reduced in FY10 and eliminated in FY11 and FY12. As a result, AHCMC eliminated staff hired to manage the Trust, putting the County's \$4M public art assets at risk, and in some cases, potentially putting the public at risk. Many of these public artworks are deteriorating; many of them are in public parks and over half of them are in public schools. What message does this send to our community?

While \$9,000 for maintenance has been appropriated for the PAT in the AHCMC general operating budget, \$9,000 is insufficient to maintain the 868 works of art in the Public Art Collection (568 works on paper, 300 sculpture/murals) by nationally known and significant local artists. These are public assets paid for by taxpayer dollars. The PAT should be funded to protect those assets.

Artwork is ALL OVER the county, in schools, parks, plazas, libraries, office buildings: the EOB, the COB, the Judicial Center, Health and Human Services. The people of our County interact with it every day and it is improving and inspiring the community every day.

# Suzan Jenkins Testimony for the FY13/FY14 Proposed CIP Budget for the Public Arts Trust February 9, 2012 Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County

Over the last year, AHCMC developed a database to manage all aspects of the collection, including curatorial information, current condition and ownership responsibilities. However we have no ongoing staff to manage the collection, database or conservation efforts.

Considering the initial \$4M investment made with taxpayer dollars into the collection, AHCMC now needs funds to manage and conserve the County's collection. As the old adage goes, "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure." Just as we expect developers to maintain public art on private property, we must set an example. Deteriorating artworks in schools and community centers sends a negative message to County residents, developers and businesses.

As of the 2003 PAT Maintenance Report, 41 pieces were listed in the "worst" condition; we estimate that real number is now close to 50, or 15% of the collection of public art. A significant percentage of the collection is in schools and other public spaces. The County must act ASAP to protect the collection so that pieces in schools and those like that of major artist, Brower Hatcher, won't have to be removed as it was several years ago because it was so severely damaged.

Conservation for a public agency or arts non-profit requires a team effort of knowledgeable administrators, conservators, and the cooperation of the County. And while AHCMC has the momentum to manage the County's public art collection responsibly, we need funds for the conservation and maintenance of the PAT.

The attached photos of the Julio Teichberg installation at the Germantown Community Center demonstrates the grave need for funds to conserve and maintain taxpayers' investment and the County's assets. Of even greater concern, is danger to public safety. Please let me share a little of that once-wonderful piece of art with you now.

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Just as County invests funds to maintain buildings, artworks require resources – both human and fiscal – for maintenance as well as conservation.

Councilmembers, I implore you to budget at least \$74,000 for the Public Art Trust which would include \$30,000 for staffing and \$44,000 for conservation and the implementation of a maintenance program. Such a budget allocation will allow the Arts and Humanities Council to maintain and manage the collection and conserve the County's assets in this most valuable public trust. Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to you tonight.

Respectfully submitted, Suzan Jenkins CEO Arts and Humanities Council, Montgomery County

# Michele Cohen Testimony for the FY13/FY14 Proposed Public Arts Trust CIP Budget February 9, 2012 Arts and Humanities of Council of Montgomery County

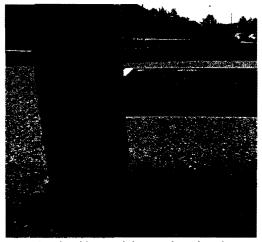
Good evening. My name is Dr. Michele Cohen. I was the founding director of New York City's

Public Art for Public Schools program for twenty years and I am currently a consultant to the AHCMC,

the custodian of Montgomery County's vast collection of public art. I have written books on public art,

taught courses about public art, supervised NYC's sculpture inventory, and managed a collection of over 1,200 artworks in NYC schools: I know the challenges of caring for art in the public realm.

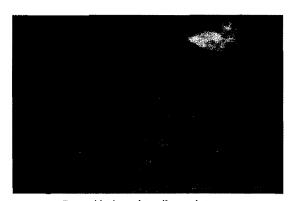
Montgomery County has a significant public art collection, including portable works in government offices, murals and sculptural installations in schools, iconic pieces



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Corrosion, leaching, and damaged seating element

marking courthouses, parks, and community centers-works that add to the quality of life for all of



Rusted bolt and peeling paint

Montgomery County's residents and visitors. Nationally known artists include Muriel Castanis, George Greenamyer, Joseph McDonnell, and Mary Ann Unger. Over the last three decades, many agencies helped form this collection, but none have taken ownership of it. As years of deferred maintenance accrue, the condition of objects has worsened, and now about 15% or 50 major

sculptural installations in public spaces require substantial treatment—more than just hosing down and waxing.

I am here to tell you that deferring maintenance of public art year after year is not economical and discredits the government body responsible for caring for these works of art. Like everything in the built environment, public art requires maintenance. Without it, artworks break, corrode, pit, peel,

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crack, rust, and crumble. Instead of being a public amenity, public art becomes an eyesore and a

## hazard.



Extreme soiling and paint failure

In 1995 the County created the Public Arts Trust to oversee the various Percent for Art programs that have been operating in the County since 1983. While the Trust is doing everything in its power to manage the collection responsibly, due to budget constraints, it must do so on a much smaller budget than in previous years. For the Public Arts Trust to

fulfill its function and live up to its name, the County must provide the seed funding to enable the full

implementation of the collection inventory and conservation and maintenance plan. Uneven funding in the past has led to aborted attempts to catalogue and institute a maintenance program for the collection; meanwhile, the condition of artworks under the Trust's jurisdiction has worsened, and the County has even had to remove artworks because their compromised condition threatened public safety.

Fortunately there are many successful models to look to when considering how best to fund conservation and ongoing maintenance. One that I am familiar with, the NYC public schools, allocated a percentage of school maintenance money for



Joint failure

conservation of public art in school buildings every year. School administrators of the largest system in the nation recognized that permanent murals, stained glass, and sculptures affixed to school buildings

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required maintenance just like roofs and boilers. Over two decades of systematic efforts, supported through public and private partnerships, capital and tax-levy funds, grants, and programs like Adopt-A-Monument and Adopt-A-Mural, we treated hundreds of major artworks, dating from the early twentieth century to the present. We preserved this artistic legacy that continues to enrich educational environments. Montgomery County can do that as well. Many of the country's leading public art programs--in Portland, Seattle, Cambridge, Miami, and Arlington--all have conservation and maintenance programs. I urge you to allow the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County to do the right thing--the responsible thing. Let the Public Arts Trust be an effective steward of the collection.

Please support the Council's FY 2013 funding request for the Pubic Arts Trust to implement a collection management and maintenance plan for this valuable public asset that will protect the collection for future generations to come.

Thank you for your time and attention.



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Color photo shows current state of sculpture. Black and white insert shows original status. Note missing bronze rings.

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Dear Ms. Ervin:

President

September 28, 2011

Honorable Valerie Ervin

**100 Maryland Avenue** 

**Montgomery County Council** 

Rockville, Maryland 20850

I am writing to thank you for your past support of the arts and humanities in Montgomery County and to ask for your support of appropriating funding for the Public Arts Trust (PAT) in FY13/FY14. Appropriation of \$140,000 is included in the FY13/FY14 Public Arts Trust CIP #729658. This funding is critical to help protect and maintain the County's assets of over \$4M already invested in public art, as well as to support current and future projects.

As you may recall, funding for the PAT CIP was severely reduced in FY10 and eliminated in FY11. As a result, the Arts and Humanities Council (AHCMC) had to eliminate staff hired to manage the Trust, putting the County's \$4M public art assets at risk, and in some cases, potentially putting the public at risk. Many of these public artworks are deteriorating; many of them are in public parks and over half of them are in public schools. What message does this send to our community?

While \$9,000 for maintenance has been appropriated for the PAT in the AHCMC general operating budget, \$9,000 is insufficient to maintain the over 325 pieces of public art in public places. Without staff, the Trust has been unable to manage the County's investment in the over 420 pieces in the Works on Paper collection, putting the County at additional risk for loss or damage to its investment. These are public assets paid for by taxpayer dollars. The PAT should be funded to protect those assets.

Another important role of the AHCMC is to provide expertise and staff support to County agencies to engage and select artists, and provide oversight of the quality of artwork in public places. The AHCMC has worked for many years with a very small budget and has managed to leverage this funding in creative ways to support many projects. Since funding for staff has been eliminated, we have been unable to participate in new opportunities and projects as they arise, and our recent initiatives to reorganize and improve our services have lost momentum.

Investment in the PAT is good for the economy in both the short and long term. Investment in the Trust can create jobs right away and increase interest from developers over time.

801 ellsworth drive silver spring, md 20910-4438 301.565.3805 fax: 301.565.3809 www.creativemoco.com Public art is attractive to developers – as an amenity and a demonstration that they care about public space and want to give back to the community. Vibrant streets and inviting public spaces are hallmarks of healthy communities. Distinctive features such as tree-lined boulevards, historic buildings and cultural hubs attract high levels of social interaction. This is where Public Art comes in.

Public art enhances the quality of life of our County for residents, workers, and visitors. It represents a tangible commitment to the public environment, making Montgomery County a highly desirable location to live, work, and create. It also attracts businesses and individuals to relocate to and stay in Montgomery County.

**Public art is integral to and emblematic of a world-class, great County.** It encourages tourism; stimulates the economy; provides opportunities for civic dialogue and serves as a catalyst for revitalization.

**Public art Invigorates and creates good public spaces and gathering places** and attracts a variety of audiences; contributes to vibrant community life; encourages use of the spaces it occupies; strengthens civic pride and identification with the County and endows public spaces with distinctive identities.

Public art is part of our cultural heritage. It celebrates cultural diversity and represents humanity's highest aspiration as a symbol of our collective experience and history and becomes our legacy for generations to come.

Shaping Montgomery County —with landmarks and landscapes, events and ideologies—sets the stage for a critical part of our existence: our connection with our environment; with our past, present, and future; and with other human beings. The Public Arts Trust can help. Please support the \$140,000 appropriation for the Public Art Trust in FY13 and FY14. Thank you.

Sincerely,

OBO The Public Art Trust Steering Committee



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# Public Arts Trust -- No. 729658

Category Subcategory Administering Agency Planning Area Culture and Recreation Recreation Recreation Countywide Date Last Modified Required Adequate Public Facility Relocation Impact Status November 16, 2010 No Nane. On-going

## **EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)**

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY10	Rem. FY10	Total 6 Years	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	50	50	50	0
Land	0	0	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	492	0	132	360	0	0	90	90	90	90	0
Total	692	0	132	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	*
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Current Revenue: General	692	0	132	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	0
Total	692	0	132	560	0	0	140	140	140	140	0

#### DESCRIPTION

Effective April 12, 1995, the County Council enacted legislation providing for the creation of a Public Arts Trust. The purpose of this program is to incorporate art into public facilities and sponsor privately-funded temporary or permanent displays of art on public property. As written, the County Chief Administrative Officer [CAO] administers the trust in consultation with the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC), Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Montgomery County Parks Commission. The request for County funds for this project will be determined annually. The guidelines state that the annual request for the next fiscal year will be .05 percent of the total approved programmed capital expenditures for the current year Capital Improvements Program of the County Government, Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Each year, the County Council should consider appropriating this amount but may appropriate any amount.

Reduce funding in FY10 by \$40,000 and delete funding for FY11 and FY12. Add funding in FY15 and FY16 to this ongoing project.

#### JUSTIFICATION

Bill 12-94, a revision to the Art in Public Architecture law, provides for the creation of a Public Arts Trust. The Public Arts Trust is administered by the County Chief Administrative Officer.

## FISCAL NOTE

The Public Arts Trust is implemented through the Department of Recreation via an outside contract with the AHCMC.

The PDF reflects a reduction in FY10 expenditures and funding for fiscal capacity.

## OTHER DISCLOSURES

-\* Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA			COORDINATION Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery	МАР
Date First Appropriation	FY96	(\$000)	County Montgomery County Public Schools	
First Cost Estimate Current Scope	FY11	813	Monigomery County Public Schools Montgomery College M-NCPPC	
Last FY's Cost Estimate		813	Department of General Services	
Appropriation Request	FY12	0	County Executive Chief Administrative Officer	
Supplemental Appropriation Rec	uest	0		
Transfer		0		
Cumulative Appropriation		132		
Expenditures / Encumbrances		128		
Unencumbered Balance		4		
Partial Closeout Thru	FY09	1,630		
New Partial Closeout	FY10	121		
Total Partial Closeout		1,751		

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# Guthrie, Lynn

From:Berliner's Office, CouncilmemberSent:Tuesday, February 07, 2012 1:24 PMTo:Montgomery County Council

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Subject: FW: Increase the Public Arts Trust maintenance budget

From: Molly Hauck [mailto:mollyphauck@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 1:18 PM
To: Berliner's Office, Councilmember
Subject: Increase the Public Arts Trust maintenance budget

To Councilmember Berliner,

I write to you today to voice my support for additional allocations to the Public Arts Trust maintenance budget in the FY13 CIP Budget. The Public Arts Trust, managed by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, includes a significant collection of outdoor and indoor art valued at over \$4 million, but is desperately in need of funds to support systematic and immediate maintenance and conservation. This public asset is too important to our County to let it deteriorate any further. Please consider allocating \$60,000 to the FYCIP budget for PAT and protect this cultural legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,

Molly Hauck 4004 Dresden St. Kensington, MD. 20852

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# Guthrie, Lynn

From:Berliner's Office, CouncilmemberSent:Tuesday, February 07, 2012 11:56 AMTo:Montgomery County CouncilSubject:FW: Public Arts Trust

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From: Kenneth Lowenberg [mailto:kenlowenberg@verizon.net] Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 11:45 AM To: Berliner's Office, Councilmember Subject: Public Arts Trust

To Councilmember Roger Berliner,

I write to you today to voice my support for additional allocations to the Public Arts Trust maintenance budget in the FY13 CIP Budget. The Public Arts Trust, managed by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, includes a significant collection of outdoor and indoor art valued at over \$4 million, but is desperately in need of funds to support systematic and immediate maintenance and conservation.

This public asset is too important to our County to let it deteriorate any further. Please consider allocating \$60,000 to the FYCIP budget for PAT and protect this cultural legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lowenberg

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# H3 Page 1 of 1 Delgado, Annette JF From: KMoran@rockvillemd.gov O66631 Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:19 AM LL

To: Andrews's Office, Councilmember; Berliner's Office, Councilmember; Elrich's Office, Councilmember; Ervin's Office, Councilmember; Floreen's Office, Councilmember; Rice's Office, Councilmember; Riemer's Office, Councilmember; Leventhal's Office, Councilmember; Navarro's Office, Councilmember; Montgomery County Council

## Subject: Public Art

Dear Montgomery County Councilmembers:

I write to you today to voice my support for additional allocations to the Public Arts Trust maintenance budget in the FY13 CIP Budget. The Public Arts Trust, managed by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, includes a significant collection of outdoor and indoor art valued at over \$4 million, but is desperately in need of funds to support systematic and immediate maintenance and conservation. This public asset is too important to our County to let it deteriorate any further. Please consider allocating \$60,000 to the FYCIP budget for PAT and protect this cultural legacy for future generations.

I worked to create the Public Arts Trust, I served as the PAT Chairperson for over a decade. I strongly believe that the Montgomery County government has a responsibility to maintain what it owns and this includes the hundreds of works of art - many site specific - each displays as a unique part of a public facility.

Sincerely, Kathleen Moran City of Rockville Civic Center Superintendent Office 240-314-8662 Cell 240-876-6581 kmoran@rockvillemd.gov FAX 240-314-8669

Glenview Mansion Rockville Civic Center Park 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851 Business office 240-314-8660



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# Sec. 8-44. OPublic Oarts O Otrust O.

(a) There is a Public OArts OTrust fund within County Government to:

(1) receive, hold, and pay out •public• and private funds to:

(A) buy and display works of art on **O**public**O** property in the County; and

(B) pay the cost of administering the fund; and

(2) sponsor privately-funded temporary or permanent displays of art on OpublicOproperty in the County.

(b) The Chief Administrative Officer or a designee must administer the Otrust in consultation with:

- (1) •Arts• and Humanities Council;
- (2) Montgomery County Public Schools;
- (3) Montgomery College; and
- (4) Montgomery County Parks Commission.

(c) The Chief Administrative Officer must report to the County Council:

(1) each quarter on:

(A) new locations selected for works of art to be funded by the Public Arts Trust; and

(B) works of art purchased or displayed with Public Arts Trust funds during the quarter; and

(2) each year by January 15 on all other uses of Public Arts Trust funds during the prior calendar year. (1995 L.M.C., ch. 12, § 1; <u>2001 L.M.C., ch. 28</u>, §§ 2, 15 and 16.)

Editor's noteThe effective date of the amendments made to this section by 2001 L.M.C., ch. 28, § 2, is the same effective date as 1999 L.M.C., ch. 24, § 1.

# Sec. 8-45. Appropriation for art.

Each year the County Council should consider appropriating funds for the next fiscal year to the Public Arts Trust in an amount equal to .05% of the combined total approved programmed capital expenditures for the then current fiscal year for County Government, Public Schools, Montgomery College, and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. (1984 L.M.C., ch. 1, § 1; 1988 L.M.C., ch. 43, §§ 1--3; 1990 L.M.C., ch. 43, § 1; CY 1991 L.M.C., ch. 9, § 1; 1992 L.M.C., ch. 9, § 1; 1995 L.M.C., ch. 12, §§ 1, 2.)

Appendix C: The Optional Method of Development Public Artworks Document (February 1988)

The Optional Method was created in 1974 as a means of acquiring a number of public facilities and amenities in the intensively developed CBDs of Bethesda, Silver Spring, Wheaton, and Friendship Heights. Section 59-D-2.0 of the County's zoning code provides the M-NCPPC with legal authority to review and approve Optional Method projects.

The public goal of the Optional Method is to create a more attractive urban environment through a package of public amenities provided by private developers to support the increased density of a project. To qualify for the Optional Method, a minimum of 20 percent of the project site area must be set aside for public use and a combination of facilities and amenities must be provided. Facilities and amenities which could be combined to qualify for increasing density include: recreational areas, parks, gardens, lawns, plazas, fountains, walks, pathways, promenades, arcades, streetscaping, public artworks, and day care or other public use facilities.

Artworks approved through the Optional Method, must be located in publicly accessible and visible on-sight locations or offsight location related to the proposed development. These public artworks are subject to the review and approval of the Planning Board in accordance with standards set forth in the zoning ordinance. Although the artworks approved through the Optional Method are public in nature, they are privately owned.

Since many applications for development under the Optional Method in the mid 1980s had included art projects, the Planning Board convened a task force to study issues relating to approval, installation, and maintenance of the artworks. Formed in February 1988, the task force reviewed M-NCPPC procedures for approving public artworks as an Optional Method amenity and recommended new policies and procedures.

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The Study Committee on Artwork in the Optional Method Projects prepared and submitted a report to the Planning Board in 1988. The Planning Board approved the policies and procedures and goals and objectives for selecting public art recommended by the Committee. A document containing the complete policies and procedures now in effect is available to the public in the Urban Design Division of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the goals and objectives defined by The Study Committee for reviewing proposed artwork are included in this appendix on pages 35 and 36.

ART REVIEW PANEL

The recommendations in the Study Committee's report were based on the following premises:

- 1. Artwork is a special feature which should be included in optional method projects, because of its unique ability to enrich one's enjoyment of public use space.
- 2. The recommendations of the committee should in no way extend the amount of time the Commission gives to project plan and site plan review.
- 3. The likelihood of problems associated with the design/approval, implementation, and maintenance of the artwork can be minimized by recommendations designed to improve communication and understanding of how successful artwork can be achieved.
- Optional Method Artwork is privately-owned with all the legal rights of property-ownership even though the work is publicly on display and part of the public benefit requirement in exchange for an increase in density.

Members of the Study Committee on Art in the Optional Method Project (1988):

Burt Kubli, Resident Representative Jane Allan, Legal Representative Rosalie Silverberg, Resident Representative Bette Lewis, County Government Representative Jim Soltesz, Optional Method Developer Representative Marcia Goldberg, Commission Representative Ellouise Schoettler, Artist/Resident Representative

# Goals and Objectives For Selecting Public Artwork

# Goals

- 1. Achieve aesthetic excellence in approved artwork.
- 2. Ensure an appropriate interaction between the art and the architectural setting in terms of scale, materials, and context.
- 3. Ensure public access and invite public participation.
- 4. Encourage the developer to initiate collaborate planning at the earliest possible time among artists, architects, land-scape architects, and engineers.
- 5. Ensure the long-term durability of permanent artwork by approving work which does not require excessive maintenance.
- Encourage a rich variety of the arts including permanent as well as temporary pieces, objects as well as programmed special events.
- Increase public understanding and enjoyment of the art through interpretive information and/or programmed events.
- 8. Achieve a collection of commissioned art which is unique and potentially contributes in a positive way to the identity of the community.

## **Objectives**

- 1. The proposed artwork achieves the highest quality of excellence.
- The proposed artwork shall be the result of a process initiated by the developer which will result in a collaborative effort among the project's artists, architects, landscape architects, developer, and possibly other related arts professionals such as art consultants.
- 3. The proposed artwork shall be located on-site in a publicly accessible and visible location. Off-site locations can be considered if the proposed location is related to the proposed development such as adjacent sidewalks, traffic medians, bridges, and adjoining parks and plazas. Artwork can be integrated into floors, walls, and even ceilings within the public areas of the projects. Sites within private

space such as office lobbies are not eligible for location of artwork as public amenity.

- 4. The artist and other design professionals shall be required to demonstrate how the proposed artwork effectively interacts with the specific site and public users of the space, and responds to the urban design relationships of the surrounding area.
- 5. The artist shall be required to demonstrate the <u>public</u> nature of the artwork. The artwork should be capable of engaging the public interest in a positive way by the work's imaginative concept, form and scale, color, content, and/or choice of media. The artwork shall strive to be contextual to the site, such as relating to any cultural, historical or visually unique aspects. The piece should also encourage physical interaction, if appropriate.
- 6. The artist shall submit a descriptive text, drawings and/or a maquette with sufficient detail in order to provide clear understanding of the proposal.
- 7. The majority of artwork shall be permanent in nature so as to be enjoyed on a continuous basis. Programmed arts events, however, are also encouraged to add vitality and generate new public interest.
- 8. Proposed artwork should be a commissioned work for the specific site and shall not be mass produced or standardized in its design.
- 9. The artist shall be required to submit a detailed maintenance specification at the time of site plan review to ensure that the developer and the Commission understand the maintenance requirements and consider the specifications to be adequate.
- 10. The developer shall demonstrate that he/she has contractual agreements with the artist and other design professionals which ensure that the artist is aware of and involved in any required changes in site design which may affect the artwork and which ensure that the artist's proposed work is technically feasible.

# The Silver Spring Art Review Panel For Optional Method Projects

The Art Review Panel was established in 1988 and is intended to provide M-NCPPC with an expert evaluation of proposed artwork for Optional Method Projects and to encourage successful public artwork. The panel and staff review are guided by procedures approved by the Planning Board and the goals and objectives included in this booklet on pages 35 and 36.

The Art Panel is advisory to staff and the Planning Commission, and their review comments are incorporated into staff's reports to the Board. Each panel member is appointed by the Planning Director. The current panelists are as follows:

Citizen Representative:

Mrs. Phyllis Cochran, Teacher Silver Spring

Arts Professional:

Ralph Bennett, Professor of Architecture University of Maryland

Arts Professional:

Cindy Kelly, Arts Consultant Baltimore

Arts Professional:

Burt Kubli National Endowment for the Arts

**Business Representative:** 

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