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Art in Public Places Commission Annual Report 2018

The Art in Public Places Commission (AIPPC) faced many challenges in 2018. At the beginning of the year, there were seven commissioners including Chair Ellen Moyer. During the year, three commissioners resigned including Vice Chair Leonard Koscianski. After creating the Commission and serving for several years, Chair Moyer announced her retirement effective July 1. Only three commissioners remained to serve out the year: Cynthia Krewson, David Arthur and Barbara Torreon. As a result, the remaining commissioners were unable to constitute a quorum to make any financial decisions nor did they have any direct access to funding. There was also a clear lack of marketing the Commission's events. Despite the turmoil of not having a full Commission and lack of funding for programs, AIPPC was able to accomplish the following:

Art Coordinator and Curator for AIPPC, Arlene Berlin, continued to coordinate art exhibits in the City's public art galleries including "Capital Photojournalism: Art on a Deadline" by veteran *Capital Gazette* staff photographers Paul W. Gillespie, Joshua McKerrow, and Matthew Cole, at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center Gallery in January 2018; and Korean-born artist Sunhee Kim Jung's exhibit, "New Homeland," at the City Hall Art Gallery in April 2018. The Commission recognized her long tenure and dedication to the Commission and the City's art community.

The Commission appointed the first Poet Laureate of Annapolis to serve a 2-year term (2018-2020) beginning July 1, 2018. Temple Cone, a Professor of English at the Naval Academy, was selected after a selection process that included an official application with writing samples and an in-person interview with each of the three finalists. The Poet Laureate will receive an annual honorarium of \$500. Additionally, the Poet Laureate may be reimbursed for up to \$300 of expenses in undertaking duties in consultation with the Commission.

Continuing our cooperation with St. Johns College, AIPPC contracted with a student to research and obtain copies of official photographs of two-term mayors at the Maryland State Archives for a future mural/photo display at City Hall. During the summer, our intern became seriously ill and returned home to recover. This project was suspended with plans to restart in summer 2019 with a new intern.

15 local musicians performed at the Rock the Dock Summer Concert Series at the City Dock on Thursday evenings from June 28 - September 7, 2018. The music series featured a diverse lineup of jazz, rock, soul, North African Dance, and big band. AIPPC provided the sound and setup. The performances were well received by the public. Tango was again a featured attraction at the City Dock once a month on Friday evenings during the summer.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Krewson, Chair 2019