

## **CITY OF ROCKVILLE**

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA– Special Session Arts in Public Places

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Conference Call: 1-408-418-9388

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7:00 p.m. Welcome

7:02 p.m. Role Call of voting members: Karen Askin, Gary Gill, Therese Capal, Patricia Dubroof, Liliane Blom, Howard Jung, Melissa Law, Helen Aberger, Connor Lee

7:05 p.m. **Art in Public Places Subcommittee Recommendations**

### **Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Art Project**

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center is a designated project as part of the City's "Incorporation of Works of Art in Public Architecture" Ordinance. The adopted Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget has \$100,000 allocated for the art commission for the Rockville Swim and Fitness Art Project.

A Call for Artists for the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Art Project was distributed to local, regional, and national artists on April 1, 2020. 210 artists submitted applications for consideration by the Artist Nomination Committee for the art project by the deadline of May 31.

The Artist Nomination Committee consisted of Cultural Arts Commissioners Liliane Blom, Therese Capal, and Patricia Dubroof; Robert Taylor, Recreation and Park Advisory Board representative, Allegra Cermak, Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Advisory Committee representative; Kori Purdum Mathias, the project's architect; and Molline Jackson, Montgomery County Planning staff. On June 15, the Committee reviewed the applications and selected three finalists to create a site-specific proposal.

The finalists presented the site-specific proposals to the Artist Nomination Committee on August 25. The Committee reviewed and selected Matthew Geller of New York, New York for further consideration. The Artist Nomination Committee unanimously recommended that Matthew Geller be awarded the \$100,000 art commission for his fiber glass and steel sculpture for the vestibule at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center on September 21.

Cultural Arts Commission will need to vote to recommend Mayor and Council award Matthew Geller the \$100,000 art commission for his fiber glass and steel sculpture.

### **Rockville Gateway Art Project**

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the City of Rockville's Art in Public Places program, the Cultural Arts Commission and the Recreation and Parks staff recommended a gateway art project. The adopted Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget has \$250,000 allocated for the art commission for the Rockville Gateway Art Project.

A Call for Artists for the Rockville Gateway Art Project was distributed to local, regional, and national artists on April 1, 2020. 151 artists submitted applications for consideration by the Artist Nomination Committee for the art project by the deadline of May 31.

The Artist Nomination Committee consisted of Cultural Arts Commissioners Liliane Blom, Therese Capal, and Patricia Dubroof; Tom Lynch, Recreation and Park Advisory Board representative; Sarah Miller, Planning Commission, and Patricia Walsh, Americans for the Arts representative. On June 22, the Committee reviewed the applications and selected three finalists to create a site-specific proposal.

The finalists presented the site-specific proposals to the Artist Nomination Committee on August 27. The Committee reviewed and selected David Hess of Phoenix, Maryland for further consideration. The Artist Nomination Committee unanimously recommended that David Hess be awarded the \$250,000 art commission for his steel sculpture for the hillside of Route 28 and Fallsgrove Drive on September 21.

Cultural Arts Commission will need to vote to recommend Mayor and Council award David Hess the \$250,000 art commission for his steel sculpture for the hillside of Route 28 and Fallsgrove Drive.

7:30 p.m.      Adjournment