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City of Annapolis

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION

Pip Moyer Recreation Center, 273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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CYNTHIA TOWLE-KREWSON
CHAIR

NOTICE OF DECISION

Date: March 27, 2019

RE: Freedom of the Press Memorial

To Whom It May Concern:

CC: Mayor's Office
Director of Recreation and Parks
Director of Public Works
Director of Planning and Zoning

Section 6.24.060(B). All art in public places shall receive the prior review and approval of the commission. None shall be removed, altered or changed without the prior review and approval of the commission.

This letter is to serve as written notification that on March 26, 2019, the Art in Public Places Commission reviewed a proposal for a piece of art to be installed on:

- open City-owned area, or
- on the exterior of any City-owned facility, or
- inside any City-owned facility in areas designated as public areas, or
- on non-City property if the work of art is installed or financed wholly or in part with City funds or grants procured by the City.

Specifically, this proposal was submitted by Moody Graham for installation of the following: Freedom of the Press Memorial honoring both the victims of the Capital Gazette shooting and the 1st Amendment.

This memorial will be in an enclosed area of Newman Park.

Based on that review, the Art in Public Places Commission, voted and agreed on upon the following decision, as documented in the Commission's meeting minutes:

- approval of this proposal, or
- disapproval of this proposal.

Additional comments related to such decision are as follows: AIPPC supports the design's use of sacred space and how it includes the natural elements of the surrounding Park area. The design's use of red brick also fits well with the Georgian style of the City.

One comment: the 5 pillars feel a little cold so perhaps the design could include small water features instead since water represents life. Other memorials like the 911 Memorial and the Pentagon Memorial include water as part of the experience invoking remembrance, solidarity and healing.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Towle-Krewson, Chair