

Plans for Jackson Graham Buliding Lobby Artwork Executive Summary

Request for Board Approval to Install DC Arts Commission-Sponsored Artwork in the Lobby of the Jackson Graham Building

Executive Summary

- By Resolution, the Board has an active role in selecting artwork procured by the Authority; however, the Board has a lesser role - approval authority only - for donated and loaned artwork.
- The Arts Commission presented an artwork proposal to WMATA Art in Transit for installation in a public space on WMATA property.
- The proposed artwork consist of two abstract large-scale low-relief aluminum murals, by local artist, Alex Mayer, to be hung on the right and left two-story walls of the lobby. Images of the proposed artwork are attached.
- Art in Transit, in agreement with the Arts Commission, recommends installing the proposed artwork in the lobby of the Jackson Graham Building.
- Installing the proposed artwork in the JGB Lobby will require relocating the Carmen Turner portrait to the wall facing the entrance of the building.

Budget

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities will fund the costs to fabricate and install the proposed artwork.

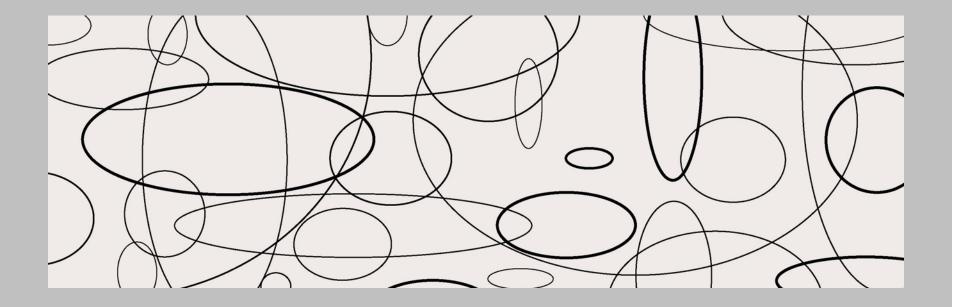
Recommendation

The Board approve installing the DC Arts Commission- sponsored artwork by Alex Mayer in the lobby of the Jackson Graham Building and authorize the GM-CEO to approve an agreement between WMATA and the Arts Commission to accept and maintain the artwork.



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10' X 30'Anodized Aluminum Relief by Alex Mayer – Panel One



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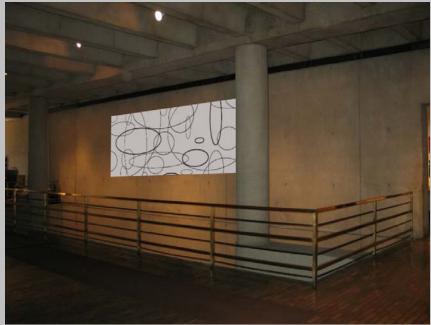
10' X 30'Anodized Aluminum Relief by Alex Mayer – Panel Two





Anodized Aluminum Relief by Alex Mayer – Proposed Location of Panel One (two views)





Anodized Aluminum Relief by Alex Mayer – Proposed Location of Panel Two (two views)

PRESENTED & ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: Artwork Donation for the Lobby of the Jackson Graham Building

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors (Board) recognizes the goal of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to provide the National Capital area with safe, reliable, and attractive public transportation; and

WHEREAS, The Board adopted Resolutions #99-70, #2000-62, and #2000-67, establishing the Board's role in the selection of artwork; and

WHEREAS, In Resolution #2000-67, the Board recognized and agreed that in order to facilitate a wide variety of artwork in the Metrorail system, it will have an active role in the selection process for artwork procured by WMATA, but will have a lesser role - - approval authority only - - for donated and loaned artwork; and

WHEREAS, The D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DC Arts Commission) has offered to sponsor and donate to WMATA artwork selected by an Art Review Panel and approved by the Board for the lobby of the Jackson Graham Building; and

WHEREAS, The DC Arts Commission convened an Art Review Panel, comprised of WMATA Art in Transit staff, artists, community representatives and arts administrators, which reviewed artwork proposals submitted in response to a call for artwork proposals, and selected an artwork proposal by Alex Mayer that the Commission and Art in Transit later determined was suitable for installation in the lobby of the Jackson Graham Building; and

WHEREAS, Art in Transit staff presented to the Board Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee the artwork proposal selected by the Review Panel, identified in Exhibit A, for installation in the lobby of the Jackson Graham Building and recommends its approval; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approves acceptance of the proposed artwork to be sponsored and donated by the DC Arts Commission, identified in Exhibit A, for installation in the lobby of the Jackson Graham Building, and authorizes the Interim General Manager to enter into an agreement to accept and maintain the artwork when completed, provided that the artwork and its installation do not present safety or operational issues as determined by the WMATA Department of System Safety & Risk Protection and the WMATA Department of Operations; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

Carol B. O'Keeffe General Counsel