



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 23-0426

Supplemental General Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R: Arts and Culture - \$581,334

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Time (Beginning): 10:10 AM
Time (Ending): 10:55 AM - hearing called to recessed and reconvened at 2:55 PM thru 3:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 20 in-person
Approximately 05 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance during the first hearing:

Eric T. Costello Ryan Dorsey
Robert Stokes, Sr. Sharon Green Middleton

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – Excused Absence

Committee Members in Attendance when hearing reconvened:

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Robert Stokes, Sr. Sharon Green Middleton
Danielle McCray Kristerfer Burnett

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Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Stokes
Seconded by: Councilmember Middleton
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Tonya Miller, Mayor's Office

Todd Yuhanick, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA)

Laura Larsen, Finance Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. The chairman talked about the background for the Supplemental and went over the agency reports with the agency representatives.
2. The representative from BOPA talked about the process the Office have made and stated, "We have created a group of seven (7) to study the government of BOPA and the Office is constantly in communication with business leaders."
3. Committee/council members asked questions, made comments, and stated concerns. Some highlights of same were:
 - The representative from the Mayor's Office (who works closely with BOPA) was asked to talk about the progress BOPA have made thus far in the areas of concerns.
 - The representative from BOPA was asked to talk about the planning efforts that went into Artscape and about how he thought the event went.
 - Some comments were made about communications with the University of Baltimore
 - Concern: Charles Village and Charles North were not included in Artscape this year, please make sure going forward they are included.
 - A committee member talked about her interaction with new vendors at Artscape this year and stated, "please don't forget to continue to build relationships in other districts (connecting with other areas for being a part of what you do!) She also stated that she thought the event was successful in spite of all the rain over the weekend.
 - A councilmember stated that she also attended Artscape over the weekend and the only thing she heard was, "there were not enough vendors."
 - Comments regarding: Trademark of Artscape
 - ❖ Moving forward remember the importance of accountability and making sure nothing like this happens again!
 - ❖ Requested by Councilmember Ramos: Please submit copies of the bylaws when they are available/rewritten.
 - Board Members
 - Is the Board made up of the five (5) members on BOPA's website? **Answer: Yes**
 - Talk about the reconstitution of the Board members.
 - Questions were asked about the bylaws and composition of the Board.
 - Is the Board independently meeting? **Answer: Yes**
 - The last Minutes listed on your website was for March 2023. **Response: Our website is to be updated soon with recent Minutes.**
 - Concern(s):
 - The makeup of the Board and the bylaws as they relate to BOPA being the art council to the City of Baltimore
 - The Board need to be more representative of the City's art community (there is a need to connect with the art practitioners who reside in the City)

- Adequate representation is needed in order to write sound bylaws!
- Other Concerns:
 - From Art Community
 - ❖ The cost to participate as a vendor – talk about this!
 - ❖ The cost to participate is too high to make it feasible to participate!
 - ❖ What is the cost for a booth?
 - ❖ Are the booths segmented to certain areas?
 - ❖ Designated Spaces – comments
 - When creating space for Art; the allocation for same need to be fair! **Response: There was an overwhelming demand for booths/space from Artists this year!**
 - Comment: You still need to do better with my concerns regarding the Art community!
 - A committee member asked the representative from BOPA how long he have been in his position and then thanked him for how Artscape was planned this year. She also stated, “We (Council) are here to help to make events successful.”
- 4. No one signed in to testify.
- 5. The hearing recessed and reconvened at 2:55 PM; the committee voted on the bill; passed – Favorable. Hearing concluded.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

1. One request was made by Councilmember Ramos: “See #3 above – highlighted in **red and yellow.**”

Committee Vote:

E. Costello:Yea
K. Burnett:.....Yea
R. Dorsey:...Nay
D. McCray:..... Yea
S. Green Middleton:Yea
I. Schleifer: Excused
R. Stokes, Sr.:Yea

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
 cc: Bill File
 OCS Electronic File

Date: September 27, 2023

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: 9-26-23

BILL #: 23-0426

BILL TITLE: Supplemental General Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R: Arts and Culture
- \$581,334

MOTION BY: Stokes SECONDED BY: Middleton

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

| NAME | YEAS | NAYS | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Costello, Eric - Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Burnett, Kristerfer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dorsey, Ryan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| McCray, Danielle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Middleton, Sharon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, 

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: M.M.C.



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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| Location: Council Chambers | |

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY

| First Name | Last Name | Address / Organization / Email | Testify | What is your position on this bill? | | Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?* | |
|------------|-----------|--|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|--|----|
| | | | | For | Against | Yes | No |
| John | Doe | 400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Brian | Wentz | BOPA | | | | | |
| Todd | Yuharick | BOPA | | | | | |
| Teresa | Cummings | Law | | | | | |
| Laura | Larsen | Finance | | | | | |
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*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

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Sponsors: Administration City Council

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