

Report from the Inner Arbor Trust Feb, 2019

The IAT Board has adopted a revised mission statement: “To promote and nurture a park in a unique natural setting for a variety of arts and culture experiences that enrich the entire community.”

Capital improvements: Planning for the CA funded path in the Park is underway, and it should be completed by the end of this season. We are still waiting for the resolution of the issue between the county and DCACC regarding a permanent date for Wine in the Woods that is impacting funding for the 2nd pathway.

Afterglow Lighting has submitted a proposal to install lights in the Chrysalis which could be completed before our season begins. This is funded by a grant from the state.

2019 Calendar (so far): Community Fundraiser, Mystic India, Jazz in the Woods, Wine in the Woods, Chrysalis Kids Series, Trust Fundraiser, Columbia Orchestra (4 concerts), CFA, Maryland Winds, and Chrysalis Caberet. Other events will be added during the season.

IMA requested that a large dumpster facility for Merriweather use be constructed on Trust property near the top of Chrysalis Drive. The Board denied that request but offered to locate a more discreet temporary location, compliant with Concept Design requirements, for this season, under the control of the Trust, that would be billed to IMA. IMA declined the offer.

Howard County General Hospital has requested RFPs for the Symphony of Lights. The Trust has submitted a proposal that incorporates a walking event, as both CA and the IAT Board will not permit vehicular events in the Park. The Trust feels that a winter festival in the Park could create a sustainable annual event that would benefit both the community and the Downtown.

Two legislative initiatives introduced to our state delegation, the festival market liquor license and the Butterfly bond bill, have been approved by the local delegation and will proceed to consideration by the entire legislature.

The Trust will begin a revised design concept for the Park late this year. An advisory committee of stakeholders will be formed to assist the process.

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