

Report from the IAT, April, 2019

The Trust participated in a Howard County Arts Council and Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission mediation, initiated by our local Howard County delegation in order to get consensus on how to bring together the arts community in order to foster arts development in Columbia Downtown. Also participating were IAT,, CA, DCP, Columbia Festival for the Arts, IMA, Howard Hughes Corp, HC Rec and Parks, Toby's Dinner Theater and CCTA, and Coalition for Columbia Downtown. Initial conclusions and recommendations were made and will be discussed in subsequent meetings.

The Trust pathways will be under construction this season as a result of grants from CA and HC Rec and Parks. Lights will also be added to the Chrysalis via a 2018 grant from the state legislature.

The Trust received \$150,000 grant from the County for refining plans for the Butterfly General Services building. The grant request from the state was denied.

The Trust and CA have been working diligently on a Park Standards Update. It is being condensed from 108 pages and will be released by CA shortly.

The Trust will be building a Trust-only dumpster compound which will also hold Pedibike storage; it will have a temporary green screen, be padlocked, and covered.

Our 2019 season will be bigger and more varied than last. Be sure to take in the Annual HCPSS Jazz in the Woods on April 27 and Mystic India on Sunday, April 28th. The entire season will be announced on May 2.

The Trust is seeking community members to serve on an advisory committee as it updates the concept plan.

Lin Eagan
Chair