

TOWN COUNCIL

STAFF REPORT Executive Department



MEETING DATE:	May 13, 2025
PROJECT:	Approval of Public Art Committee Recommendation to Award a Public Art Commission at Oyster Factory Park to Wesley Clark with a Fiscal Impact of \$65,000
PROJECT MANAGER:	Chris Forster, MPA, CPFO, CGFM, Assistant Town Manager

REQUEST:

Town Council approve the Public Art Committee (PAC) recommendation to award a public art commission at Oyster Factory Park to Wesley Clark with conditions. The condition recommended by the PAC was to stain the concrete base a tan or brown.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Art Committee was established in October 2023 to carry out the Council approved public art policy. The committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Council on publicly funding public art or art to be placed on public property.

Oyster Factory Park was identified for a public art installation during the renovation of the park. Renovations and updates were completed May of 2024. A call for public art was released January of 2025. The Public Art committee reviewed submissions and invited three finalists to present their recommendations. On February 25, 2025 the Public Art Committee voted to recommend Wesley Clark for the commission of his proposed art of an oysterman on a bateau.

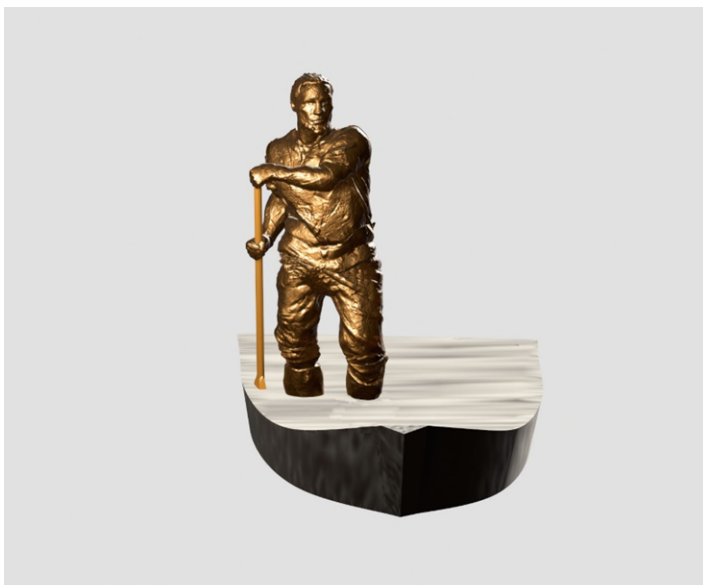
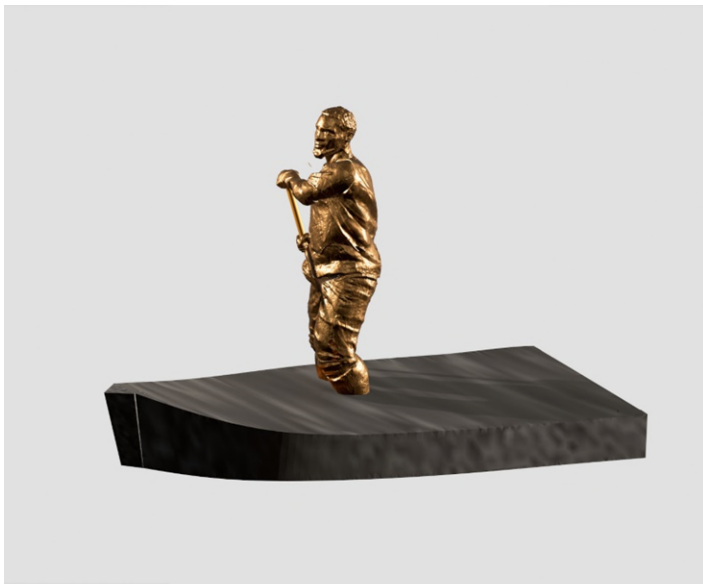
Wesley Clark currently resides in Hyattsville, MD. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting from Syracuse University and a Master of Fine Arts from George Washington University. Clark has exhibited works at institutions such as the Katzen Arts Center, Washington DC; Fisk University, Nashville Tennessee; University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Maryland; as well as Scope and Prizm Art Fair, Miami, Florida during Art Basel. Clark's work can be found in public and private collections such as: the Asheville Art Museum, The Studio Museum in Harlem, the Duke Ellington School for the Arts, and Kaiser Permanente. In 2016 Clark was commissioned by The American Alliance of Museums to create a temporary public artwork. That has led to several permanent public artworks.

NEXT STEPS:

Approve, approve with conditions, or deny the recommendation to award the commission to Wesley Clark.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Design Graphic
2. Proposed Motion



Attachment 2
Proposed Motion

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Proposed Motion

"I make a motion to approve the Public Art Committee recommendation to Award the Public Art Commission for the Oyster Factory Park to Wesley Clark."