

**13-0548 Attachment 1:
Public Art Committee Recommendation 08-12-12**

MEMORANDUM

Date: Monday, August 13, 2012

To: Members of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

From: Pat Miller, Co-Chair, Public Art Committee
Alexandria Commission for the Arts

Re: Public Art Committee Report: Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Public Art Project

At the Public Art Committee meeting, held August 12, 2012, the members reviewed and discussed the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery's Selection Panel – artist recommendation dated August 11, 2012, submitted by Cheryl Anne Colton, Acting Deputy Director – Cultural Arts, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

The Committee received the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery's Selection Panel recommendation to select Ed Dwight to be awarded the commission to design, fabricate and install the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Public Art sculpture (see attached).

Public Art Committee members discussed the artistic merits of all finalists' maquettes. Committee voted to not consider Erik Blome's proposal (Motion made by Allison Nance, seconded by Amber Gordon), motion passed unanimously.

The Committee had very difficult deliberation/discussion. The Committee voted not to accept Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery's Selection Panel's recommendation for Ed Dwight (Motion made by Michael Demoto, seconded by Allison Nance), motion passed 5 yes, 2 no.

Public Art Committee voted to recommend Mario Chiodo selected to be the artist to be awarded the commission to design, fabricate and install the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Public Art sculpture (Motion made by Amber Gordon, seconded by Michael Demoto), motion passed 6 yes, 1 no.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts will discuss this Public Art Committee Report at the August 14, 2012 meeting and adopt a formal recommendation which will be presented to the City Council at an upcoming Council meeting.

CC: Karen Conkey, Co-Chair, Public Art Committee
Public Art Committee

James Spengler, Director, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural
Activities

Encl: Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery's Selection Panel - Artist Recommendation