

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Meeting of Thursday, 03 September 2013  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

(draft) MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Anke Finger, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn. *Others present:* Bette Stern (staff).
2. The draft **minutes** of the 06 June meeting were approved as written.
3. **Art Donation Policy.** The explanation of the re-worded insurance provision (9) from Maria Caprioli appears to be that there'd be no need for special insurance coverage unless the donated art has unusual value. The Committee wondered how the Town would discover that a work has unusual value in the absence of an estimate of retail value from the artist; it prefers the original wording: "For insurance purposes, the donor or artist must provide a monetary value for the work that is consistent with the work's retail value."
4. **FY2012-13 Annual Report.** Scott's draft, circulated by e-mail, was accepted without change. He will send it on to Jay O'Keefe.
5. **StoDoArts.** StoDoArts, a community group formed to promote arts in and around the new Storrs Downtown, sponsored a summer film series on Fridays at von der Mehden (VDM) and performances on Sunday afternoons outdoors off Dog Lane. While the film series did not break even, enough money was raised from donations to cover costs and then some; the group is planning to screen more films this fall. Rod Rock and the VDM management have been supportive. The group has a website (stodoarts.com) and facebook page.
6. **Local Arts Webpage.** The Town webpage with links to what's going on in the local arts scene is apparently not yet 'live'; Scott could not find it when he searched for it when drafting the annual report. Kim suggested that such a page instead be added to the StoDoArts website, with a link to it on the Committee's Town webpage. Bette thought this was probably a good idea, since it would avoid controversy about the kind of art that might be listed or promoted and also relieve the IT Department of work on the page. It was agreed that Kim should check with StoDoArts and, if the group is willing to host the page, then notify the IT Department.
7. **Meeting time.** It's been suggested that the Committee meet at 5:00p rather than 7:00p. This was OK with those present, but a decision was put off to the October meeting.
8. **MCC exhibits.**
  - a. **Dhammika Bandara** has applied to exhibit three reproductions in oils, two from photos and one from a painting by another artist. The works look fine, but the Committee needs to know whether permission has been obtained from the photographer(s) and the other artist; if not, there are copyright issues. David will inquire.
  - b. There is no art on the walls now. Kim will ask Peggy Church to get the word out to Quiet Corner artists that we have blank walls available for exhibits until 14 January (and beyond).

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
09/01 – 10/14	<i>Festival on the Green advertising &amp; art show</i>					
10/15 – 01/14						
01/15 – 04/14	<i>David Corsini (assemblages)</i>					

**9. Vacancies.** The Committee has two vacancies. Members were urged to consider who might be willing to join if asked, and to extend to them an invitation to attend a meeting.

**10. Adjourned** at 8:05p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 01 October 2013.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 10 September 2013.