

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 03 December 2013
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:04p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Anke Finger, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* none. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the meetings of 05 Nov 13 meeting were approved as written.

3. **Art Donation Policy.** Jay has let the Town Manager's office know that the Committee approved the wording of the proposed art donation policy.

4. **Committee vacancies.** There remain two vacancies on the Committee. David mentioned that several acquaintances might be interested and was authorized to see if they are.

5. **StoDoArts** will not be showing films in the winter, as attendance this fall was too low; however, the group plans to run another film series next summer. A committee has been formed with the Downtown Partnership to organize summer outdoor art shows in Storrs Center. Anke wondered if the Greek Theatre could be used for such exhibits. Eventually, perhaps, but Scott noted that this facility is unfinished and probably does not yet have the equivalent of a certificate of occupancy.

6. **Town support for the arts.** Jay thought the Town will support suitable special arts events, but it needs a clear and attractive proposal. The Parks and Recreation Department sponsors a series of summer concerts at the MCC; perhaps an expanded series given at Storrs Center in conjunction with the films and art shows would qualify as special event worthy of Town support. This should be discussed at the January meeting.

There is a form that the Committee should use to propose spending in the next fiscal year; the budget process will get under way early in 2014. It would be useful to know how much the Town does contribute annually to support special events like the concert series or Tour de Mansfield vs. how much is contributed by businesses. The Town Manager's office has not yet given Jay an estimate. Anke asked if the \$500 in the Committee's annual budget line could be spent to support arts events, but nobody could say "Yes" or "No" with any confidence; in the past, it has been used for printing and postage, and rarely.

7. **Meeting dates for 2014.** The Committee will meet at 5:00p on the first Tuesday of each month, save July and August, when it will not meet.

8. **MCC exhibits.**

a. Tom e-mailed **Guocun Yang** to ask for photos of the fabric baby carriers he proposes to exhibit, but has not received a reply. Tom will follow up with a phone call to see if he is still interested. If the display cases are needed, he could have them until 15 January.

b. **Sherie Gage**, who teaches a ceramics class for adults at the Community School of the Arts, proposes to exhibit tiles, bowls and sculptural forms made by class members. Her application does not include photos. Kim will let her know that the display cases won't be available until 15 April at the earliest.

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 & art show</i>				<i>Janice Trecker (paintings)</i>	
10/15 – 01/14						
01/15 – 04/14	<i>David Corsini (assemblages)</i>					

9. Adjourned at 8:05p. Next meeting: **5:00p**, Tuesday, 07 January 2014.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 05 December 2013; approved 07 January 2014.