

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Meeting of Tuesday, 04 November 2014  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

- 1.** The meeting was officially **called to order** at 5:15p by David Vaughan, following an informal discussion with new member Prescott Powers about the Committee's responsibilities and activities. *Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, Prescott Powers, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Kim Bova. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).
- 2.** The draft **minutes** of the 07 October meeting were approved, with the correction that Prescott Powers, who had yet to be appointed, not be included among the absentees.
- 3. Town Square sculpture.** Jay reported that, according to Cynthia van Zelm, sufficient funds have now been raised for David Boyajian's "The Weaving Shuttle" and that a contract is now being worked out with the Town Attorney with the aim of having the finished sculpture installed at the Town Square by the end of March 2015.
- 4. Committee vacancies.** With the appointment of Prescott Powers, the Committee is up to five members. Members were urged to think of people who might be approached to fill the two remaining vacancies.
- 5. Eagleville Schoolhouse.** This Town building, which Joshua's Trust is vacating, could be repurposed as facility for art classes and exhibits. If the Committee is interested in promoting this, it needs to make such a recommendation to the Town Manager. David thought that managing such a facility would be too much for this Committee to take on. Jay pointed out that the Committee can recommend that the building be used for arts without thereby signing on to do anything; management of the building could be assigned to the Parks and Recreation Department or the Community School of the Arts if the Town agreed that an arts facility was its highest and best use. The Committee agreed to make up its collective mind at the December meeting about what action to take and to agree on the wording of any statement to the Town Manager regarding future use of the building no later than the January meeting.
- 6. Exhibiting prize-winning works of art at the MCC.** The Committee has assisted the Downtown Partnership in mounting its juried art show at the annual Festival on the Green (renamed "Celebrate Mansfield" this year) and has arranged to have the prize-winning works exhibited for several weeks in the display cases at the MCC. This year the Committee was reminded that it must formally approve any exhibit at the MCC, certifying that the works to be exhibited are (in its judgment) suitable for a family setting. David is drafting a statement to make clear that any agreement with sponsors of a juried art show to display prize-winning works of art is provisional. It will be reviewed at the December meeting.
- 7. MCC exhibits.** **Dharmika Bandara's** four paintings-from-photos of wildlife in Sri Lanka are now up in the right-hand display case; in each case, he has credited the photographer. **David Morse's** memorial exhibit of books and writings by **Joan Hall** is in the double-sided case. At present, there is no art on the walls. Kim was to invite **Jane Waller Collins** to exhibit small paintings and pastels of local scenes, but has been unable to reach her by e-mail.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
09/01 – 10/14		<i>Celebrate Mansfield advertising &amp; art show</i>				
	<i>David Morse?</i> (Joan Hall)					
10/15 – 01/14		<i>Dhammika Bandara</i> (oils)				<i>Jane Waller Collins?</i> (paintings & pastels)
01/15 – 04/14						<i>Andrew Facchinetti?</i> (mixed media)

**8. Application to exhibit art form.** David distributed copies of his upgrade of the application-to-exhibit-art form: a packet consisting of cover letter, application form, & policy statements.

Preliminary discussion:

- Scott thought the policy statements (pp.5-7) were not the final official ones and that the information in the cover letter (p.1) about the Mansfield Library may not be current; he will check.
- The insurance situation (p.3) should be clarified; the second part of the last sentence in the WAIVER – “and I understand . . .” – is incorrect.
- Should the Zimmer-Nash Transportation Center be listed as an exhibit venue on p.1? Probably not: the Committee has suggested a more permanent display of large photographic prints of the Tour de Mansfield. However, the Center should be contacted to find out what (if any) plans it has for installing/exhibiting art.

Committee members should look over David’s packet and come to the December meeting with any suggested changes.

**9. Adjourned** at 6:12p. Next meeting: 5:00p, Tuesday, 02 December.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 06 November 2014; approved 02 December 2014.