

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Virtual Arts Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
5:00 pm

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
Draft Minutes

1. Called To Order at 5:07 pm

Kim Bova	X	kbova@charter.net;
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Bethany Burns, MCC Liaison	X	ColognaB@mansfieldCT.org

2. Minutes of meeting on Jan. 10, 2023 approved and seconded.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Public Correspondence: None

5. Pending Artwork

David Graber - 3 additional pieces for current show (Feb.-March).
Approved unanimously

6. Art Display Application – revisions needed

- a. Adding Lenard Hall as a display location. Add a space for it, as well as what's available there

7. International Cultural Arts Day discussion

Four areas suggested by Ann Williams: Bollywood Dance, paper carving art, Ukrainian egg painting, and Oriental brush painting. An association with the CISS (Center for International Students and Scholars) at UConn would bring together the community and the university students at Mansfield Community Center to learn from each other. Week of March 10, spring break we could collaborate on an art activity. Other suggestions are weaving, knitting, working individually on pieces of a project that will be assembled for a purpose (Example: creating a pieced quilt). Huong Pham sends out a monthly newsletter, and she will include any of our information to her students to advertise our offerings. We will consider April 22 or 23 to offer Bollywood dance, perhaps at Lenard Hall. Ann and Susan will contact the students who will offer this.

Huong would like to promote an Asian Night March 25th. Beauty, Culture and Fashion: Fashion Show first week in April at the student union. April 12 Cultural exposition of students presenting their culture.

8. Draft Request for Concepts (RFC):

Call for Artists for Public Art in Town of Mansfield, CT – Cynthia van Zelm, Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

Town Council approved art projects, including potential direct grants to artists. A “Request for Concepts” will be sent to area artists; it is an intentionally broad category. The AAC will also be part of the evaluation process, along with town and partnership staff that will look at the concepts. Sculpture would be semi-permanent, while other projects would be portable, and able to be moved around town. Example, digitized art blown up and arranged on the brick wall facing the side parking lot of the community center. These can be removed after 3 months, and replaced by a different exhibit. Right now this is an open, unrestricted proposal. Tentative date for submitting proposal is the end of March.

Dates to keep in mind for other events: Make Music Day on June 21st, and on May 25th, Mansfield Summer Stroll (with drinks, music, art)

9. Card Making

We had cancelled the Friday card making activity due to extremely cold temps. The policy of the CC is not to cancel an event already scheduled (i.e, we were part of Family Fun Night)

10.Possible quilt show –tabled.

11. Kim Bova’s resignation as Chairperson - tabled

12. Items for Future Agenda-include tabled items

Meeting adjourned at 6:33

Next regular meeting to be held **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Judy McChesney