

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Meeting of Tuesday, 05 June 2012
 Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:01p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Anke Finger, Scott Lehmann, Blanche Serban. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn, Joe Tomanelli, David Vaughan. *Others present:* Cynthia Van Zelm (Downtown Partnership), Jay O’Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the 03 April 2012 meeting were approved as written; the May meeting was cancelled.

3. Storrs Center Art Gallery. Howard Kaufman of Leyland Alliance, the developer of Storrs Center, is interested in an art gallery in the new downtown. He has offered a small retail space in the Dog Lane building, contingent on a satisfactory business plan and financing.

Kim, Blanche, & Anke have been working with Christopher Levesque and others on a business plan. The gallery they have in mind would be organized as a non-profit corporation, operated by volunteers – ultimately under the direction of a paid manager. It would host shows of high-quality art, changing monthly. Events such as arts classes, artist receptions, poetry readings, live music, and film screenings could be held in the space, which could also be rented for private parties.

Despite involvement of Committee members, the proposed gallery is not at this point an AAC project, and it is not clear what (if any) support the Town might able and willing to provide. Ms. Van Zelm will try to arrange a meeting with Curt Vincente and Matt Hart soon. Those working on the business plan also need to find out what rent Leyland Alliance expects for the space it has offered. Blanche believes that it would take at least two years to establish a quality art gallery as a going concern.

4. MCC Playground. Blanche’s impression is that the committee planning a new playground behind the MCC has its own ideas about the facility and isn’t too interested in opening up the design process to outside people, notwithstanding its invitations to artists and others to submit ideas.

5. Festival on the Green. This year’s Festival on the Green will again be held across the street on blacktop at the E.O. Smith parking lot on September 23 from 12:00 to 5:00p. Artists have been invited to apply to submit entries to the juried art show.

6. MCC exhibits.

a. The **Quiet Corner Photography Club** has hung its exhibit of photos of Joshua’s Trust properties.

b. **Carole Jeffries** has applied to show oils of landscapes, seascapes, and flowers; the sample works depicted in her application look fine. Kim will contact her to offer the sitting room from August 27 to January 14, or the hallways from January 15 to April 14.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
6/1 – 8/17	<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)				<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)	
8/27 – 10/14	Festival on the Green advertising & Art Show winners				<i>DSS Have a Heart?</i> (photos of adoptable kids)	
10/15 – 1/14					<i>Jim Gabianelli</i> (machine art)	

7. Adjourned at 8:14p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 10 July 2012.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 11 June 2012; approved 05 March 2013.