

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Thursday, 05 November 2013
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:03p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Anke Finger. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).
2. The draft **minutes** of the meetings of 03 Sep 13 and 01 Oct 13 were approved as written.
3. **Art Donation Policy.** The reworded insurance provision (9) in the 01 Oct 13 draft of "Guidelines for the Acceptance of Works of Art by the Town of Mansfield" allows the Town to ask donating artists for a monetary valuation of works to determine whether special insurance coverage is advisable, but also to pass on providing such coverage if its premium cost is too high. The new language seems fine to the Committee, which agreed unanimously (**motion:** Vaughan, Bova) to endorse the 01 Oct 13 draft and recommend its adoption by the Town. Jay will let Norman Stevens know about this and suggest that he approach the Town Manager about donating works by Ken Forman once the donation policy is in place.
4. **Committee vacancies.** There remain two vacancies on the Committee. Kim thought Diane Edington, who attended the October meeting, is probably not interested.
5. **Earlier meeting time.** The Committee agreed to move the meeting time to 5:00p on a trial basis, starting with the 07 Jan 14 meeting.
6. **Town Square.** Jay distributed copies of an article for *Mansfield Minute* on the Town Square (formerly, "The Green") proposed for the small tract between Dog Lane and Rte.195. The Town Green has been reduced to a 52ft-diameter circle of grass, though trees and other plantings are called for. A performance pavilion is planned, though it is quite small and a site so close to Rte.195 is not ideal for performances. Jay reported that the PZC application allows for sculpture in the Square. Kim thought the space could accommodate outdoor art exhibits. StoDoArts, a community group formed to promote arts in and around the new Storrs Downtown, is interested in organizing summer art fairs in the Square, perhaps 5-7 pm on Fridays in good weather before the films at von der Mehden sponsored by StoDoArts.
7. **Town support for the arts.** StoDoArts does not break even on films; it depends upon donations from individuals and businesses. Jay noted that businesses have been generous in supporting special events sponsored by the MCC, but that there is a limit to what can be asked of them. David wondered why the Town does not have a budget line for arts and recreation programs, as do other towns. Jay thought the Town does contribute something to events like Tour de Mansfield and Festival on the Green; he will ask the Town Manager how much the Town contributes annually to such things.
8. **MCC exhibits.**
 - a. **Guocun Yang** has applied to exhibit, in the display cases, fabric baby carriers (and panels for them) made by artisans of an ethnic minority in southwest China. An exhibit catalog depicting striking works of this kind was included in the application; Tom will call to see if he has photos of those he proposes to show. The display cases are available now (until 14 Jan), but another exhibit is scheduled for the winter quarter (15 Jan 14 to 14 Apr 14).
 - b. **Janice Trecker** will leave her work up until January. Applications for the walls are needed!

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 8:00p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 03 December 2013.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 12 November 2013; approved 03 December 2013.