

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 01 April 2014
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 5:00p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann. *Members absent:* Anke Finger, David Vaughan. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).
2. The **draft Minutes** of the 04 February meeting were approved as written. {Only Kim was able to meet on 04 March, so the March meeting was cancelled.}
3. **Town Square art.** Jay distributed copies of the final Request for Proposals (RFP), dated 03/18/14, for sculpture or other art to grace the new Town Square. The deadline for proposals is 05/01/14. The Committee is responsible for short-listing proposals and interviewing these artists during May. This is a serious responsibility, and the Committee agreed that it should be prepared to convene special meetings in May and that it would be wise to solicit advice from artists and landscape architects who have experience with art in public spaces.
4. **Committee Vacancies.** Anke e-mailed Jay on 03/30 to say that she is resigning, so the Committee now has two vacancies. Tom thought it would be good to have someone like Jay Ames with a connection to art education in the schools. Kim will ask Jay A. if he can suggest anyone who might be interested.
5. **Old Eagleville schoolhouse.** The Committee is interested in visiting this building to assess its suitability for art studios and art instruction. Jay will try to arrange a visit.
6. **Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.** This facility will have space for art displays, but a visit to see this space will probably have to wait until a problem with the heating system is resolved. Tom observed that arranging art exhibits can be time-consuming. He suggested that something more permanent, perhaps a mural or photos of the Tour de Mansfield, might be a better option.
7. **Summer concerts.** The summer concerts sponsored by the Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department in 2014 will be: Kidsville Kuckoo Revue, 07/10; Shaded Soul Band, 07/17; Dr. Ya Ya's Gumbo Party Band, 07/24; and Windham Concert Band, 07/31. The venue for the last concert is yet to be determined, as this band has about 80 players.
8. **MCC exhibits.**
 - a. Tom reported that **Guocun Yang** has not responded to inquires about the exhibit of embroidered baby carriers from SW China he proposed and is presumably no longer interested.
 - b. After some discussion, the Committee decided not to pursue an exhibit of **Mansfield School Art** for 04/15 to 05/31 this year, as April 15 is only two weeks away and the Committee already has other applications to exhibit in this period. Accordingly Kim will let **Sherrie Gage** know that she can have the display cases for a show of ceramic works from her CSA class from 04/15 until at least 05/31.
 - c. **Pattie Tuite** has not yet responded to David Vaughan's 02/05 e-mail with photos of the **Richard Davis** watercolors she proposes to show. Scott will contact her to say that display areas in the sitting room and hallways are available from 04/15 to 05/31 but that the Committee must see photos before it can approve the exhibit.
 - d. Tom has photos of works by **Roger Crossgrove** that he thinks would be suitable for an MCC

exhibit; he will e-mail them to Committee members for review. If they are OK, the exhibit will run from 06/01 to 08/15. Most of the works are large; some could be hung in the upper sitting room area. Tom will work with Mr. Crossgrove and Jay to arrange for a reception and publicity in connection with the exhibit.

e. Jay reported that **Jess McCabe** is interested in showing photos but hasn't yet submitted an application. He also reported seeing an attractive painting by **Jane Waller Collins** and will invite her to apply to exhibit at the MCC.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
1/15 to 4/14	<i>David Corsini</i> (assemblages)					
4/15 to 5/31	<i>Sherrie Gage</i> (CSA ceramics)				<i>Richard Davis?</i> (watercolors)	
6/01 to 8/15	CSA ceramics?		<i>Roger Crossgrove?</i>			

9. Square Fair. A monthly juried art fair (dubbed “Square Fair”) is planned for the area around the new Town Square (and the Square itself, when completed). It will run from 5 to 9 PM on the fourth Friday of each month from May to October. Kim reported that artists are signing up to participate. There are plans to add music and perhaps expand the fair to include other “made objects”.

10. Adjourned at 5:47p. Next meeting: **5:00p**, Tuesday, 06 May 2014.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 02 April 2014; approved 06 May 2014.