

# ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, 03 June 2014  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

## MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 5:08p by Scott Lehmann. *Members present:* Kim Bova (from 5:10p), Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).
2. The **draft Minutes** of the 06 May regular meeting were approved as written. After some discussion, the **draft Minutes** of the 27 May special meeting were revised to omit details of the Committee's deliberations on the Town Square Art proposals and, as revised, approved.
3. **Communications.**
  - a. Ellen Siberman of **WindhamArts** will meet with Jay tomorrow to discuss publicizing Parks and Recreation arts programs and to invite a representative to attend the group's quarterly meetings. The next one is Thursday, 05 June, at 5:30p at the Mansfield Library; Kim will try to go.
  - b. Town Manager **Matt Hart** would like the Committee to arrange for art installation at the new Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center at Storrs Center. The Committee has suggested large photographic prints of the Tour de Mansfield, and Kim offered to take some photos of this year's Tour, in which her husband is participating. However, Nash-Zimmer now has an even newer director, who should be included in deliberations on art for this facility.
4. **Town Square.**
  - a. Kim and Jay met on 02 June with Cynthia van Zelm, a representative from the UConn Foundation, and donors to present the Committee's recommendations on **art for the new Town Square**. Ms. van Zelm would like the Committee to give her dates and times at which it could interview the short-listed artists. Committee members should e-mail Kim about their availability to meet in June for this purpose; later in the afternoon might be better than evenings for the artists.
  - b. May's Fourth Friday Square Fair was rained out. The next one is June 27; a StoDoArts film will be shown in the Ballard Theatre at the UConn Co-op's Storrs Center bookstore.
5. **Community School of the Arts.** UConn's School of Fine Arts has proposed that the Town join it in running the Community School of the Arts. Exactly what the Town's role and commitment would be is now under discussion. David attended the Town Council meeting of 27 May at which Dean Grant and Curt Vincente spoke about the idea. Some Council members expressed concern about what the Town would be buying into; they were assured that both parties agree on moving deliberately and limiting initial commitments. At this point a Memorandum of Understanding is still being negotiated, so there is nothing definite for the Council to approve or disapprove. David will follow this

issue.

**6. Committee Vacancies.** At the Committee's unofficial meeting of 14 May, Prescott Powers expressed interest in joining the Committee, which certainly would be glad to have him! David will let him know that he should write a brief letter to this effect to Jay, who will pass it along to the Committee on Committees.

**7. Old Eagleville schoolhouse.** Committee members should visit this building soon to assess its suitability for art studios and art instruction, as other groups may be eyeing it. It is now occupied by Joshua's Trust and is supposedly open from 1-4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Fran Funk (742-8654) to confirm.

**8. MCC exhibits.**

- a. Roger Crossgrove's** monotypes are up in the hallways and sitting room; a reception is scheduled for Thursay, 12 June, 3:30 –5:30p.
- b. Andrew Facchinetti** would like to exhibit 9 mixed-media abstract and semi-abstract expressionistic works, ranging in size from 17x18 to 27x33. Based on photos of 3 or 4 of them, the Committee tentatively approved his application but will need to see all the works before they go up. Kim will offer wall space from late August to October.
- c. Dhammika Bandara** submitted photos of three oil paintings of wildlife in Sri Lanka that he would like to exhibit. They are relatively small and could be displayed in the lower sitting room space. David will contact him to offer this space for the 15 Oct to 14 Jan period. If the paintings were made from photos, the photographer should be credited.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallways	
	2-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
4/15 - 5/31	<i>Sherrie Gage</i> (CSS ceramics)		<i>Richard Davis</i> (watercolors)			
6/01 - 8/15			<i>Roger Crossgrove</i> (monotypes)			
8/25 – 0/14	<i>Festival on Green</i> (adv. & art show)		<i>Andrew Facchinetti?</i> (mixed media)			
10/15 – 1/14				<i>Dhammika Bandara?</i> (oils)		

**9. Adjourned** at 6:38p. Next regular meeting: **5:00p**, Tuesday, 02 September 2014.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 05 June 2014; approved 02 September 2014.