

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 06 January 2015
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 5:05p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, Prescott Powers (from 5:20p), David Vaughan. *Members absent:* none. *Others present:* Kimberly Blair (staff), Jay O'Keefe (staff), Curt Vincente (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the 02 December meeting were approved as written.

3. New committee liaison. Parks and Recreation Director Curt Vincente introduced Kimberly Blair as the new liaison between his Department and the Committee. She has worked at the MCC in various capacities since it opened and is now on the staff of the Community School of the Arts (CSA). Her appointment as liaison will free Jay O'Keefe, who has served as liaison since the Committee's first meeting in December 2000, for other duties.

4. Eagleville Schoolhouse. In advance of the meeting, Scott e-mailed to Committee members a draft memo to Town Manager Matt Hart regarding eventual use of the old Eagleville Schoolhouse as an arts facility. The draft was approved with additions to be incorporated by Scott. The revised draft will be circulated by e-mail and sent on to the Town Manager if there are no complaints about wording.

5. Application to exhibit art form. David's improved version of the application to exhibit art form and related material now simplifies the cover page and separates the consent form from the application form. A prohibition of posting prices and a request for an artist's bio/statement still need to be added to the "Art Display Procedures". Scott thought that the wording of the "Artist's Consent" is potentially misleading: only exhibitors who fail to list and value their works should be held to consent to the Waiver. He suggested deleting the sentence "I have read and consent to the Waiver ..." and beginning the "Artist's Consent" with "I have read the Art Display Policy and Procedures outlined on pages 5-7 and agree to abide by them." David agreed to refine the document and to circulate it in advance of the February meeting in hopes of securing final approval then.

6. MCC exhibits. There are again no new applications to exhibit art at the MCC.

- Curt encouraged Kimberly to solicit applications from instructors & students at the CSA.
- Tom will draft an invitation to apply that could be e-mailed to Quiet Corner Artists.
- **Andrew Facchinetti** has e-mailed photos of the works he proposes to hang on 15 January, but some photos are hard to read. Jay expressed concern about what viewers might make of indistinct text in one work. Curt suggested approving the other works, but withholding approval of this one until it can be viewed by the Committee. Since the works are abstract, Prescott suggested asking for an Artist's Statement to help viewers understand the artist's intentions. It was agreed that Kim will (1) give Andy the green light to hang all of the works, save the one in question, on the 15th and (2) request from him an Artist's Statement to accompany his exhibit. To avoid this sort of back and forth in the future, Kim urged that, in cases where there is any question about suitability, we require artists to bring all the works they intend to exhibit to a regular meeting of the Committee.

7. Adjourned at 6:13p. Next meeting: 5:00p, Tuesday, 03 February 2015.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 07 January 2015; approved 03 February 2015.