

**Columbia Art Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2014, 6:30pm
Minutes**

Attendance: Stephanie Lyon (Chair), Janet Brady, Dennis Gilbert, Molly Miller, Joyce Bell, Carol Zika, George Sakkal, Barbara Herschman, Winnie Coggins, Sue Nicholson, Robert Coe, and Marlene Jackson

Staff In Attendance: Liz Henzey, Trudy Babchak, Monica Herber, and Christina McCleary

Welcome and Introductions:

Liz welcomed everyone to the dinner meeting which took place in the Window Gallery. The dinner was held in honor of and thanks to Stephanie Lyon, Advisory Committee Chair, who was stepping down from her role after 3.5 years of service.

Annual Report and Approval of Minutes

Liz presented the CACAC Annual Report update for May 1, 2013-April 30, 2014. The committee also discussed and approved the minutes from the May 2014 Advisory Committee meeting.

Program Sharing

Liz and team discussed summer art camp with its new director and class enrollment for July and August.

Exhibition and Event Sharing

Liz and team shared that Columbia Art Center collaborated with Howard Community College Horowitz Gallery on a theme show for the June 2014 Festival. The Advisory Committee was also updated about the June salon series which featured local folk singer Brian Gundersdorf with 45+ people attending.

Fall 2014 Plans and Activities

Liz and team discussed the upcoming fall class line-up and the new gallery tour series Off the Beaten Path which will run monthly. ManneqART will kick off the fall line-up of exhibitions in September as part of the HCAC Road to the Arts. The Advisory Committee was updated on a new arts program for youth with special needs scheduled for fall, as well several new ceramics guest artist workshops.

Columbia Art Center Renovations

Liz updated the Advisory Committee about the company renovations planned for the galleries, lobby, gift shop and hallway. These enhancements include new flooring, base cove, freshly painted walls and beams, as well as new energy efficient lighting and fixtures. The process is slated to take place October 15-December 31, 2014.

Long Reach Redevelopment Update

The Advisory Committee discussed aspects of the Howard County Government legislative process to purchase Long Reach Village and the pending move of the Howard County Arts Council to Long Reach Village.

Columbia Association Strategic Plan

The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the Strategic Plan and how Columbia Art Center can incorporate it into its goals and objectives for FY15.

Conclusion:

The Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with a thank you presentation to Stephanie Lyon.