

**Columbia Art Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 14 2016, 6:30pm
Minutes**

Attendance: Janet Brady, Winnie Coggins, Lynn Foehrkolb, Dennis Gilbert, Molly Miller (Chair), Nicole Patterson, Chaya Schapiro, Janet Evans, Long Reach Representative on Columbia Association Board of Directors

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

Advisory Committee Members Not In Attendance: Joyce Bell, Robert Coe, Adam Goode, Marlene Jackson, Christina McCleary, Judi Neckritz, Suzanne Waller, Deanna Williford and Carol Zika

Welcome and Introductions:

Molly Miller, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Request for Secretary to take the minutes:

Nicole Patterson volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting.

Review and Approval of 3/2/16 minutes:

The Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the 3/2/16 minutes.

Update on Columbia Association Topics:

CA Board member Janet Evans shared updates that the new CA FY17 capital improvements were approved. CA's new tennis center will be built in Long Reach near the Long Reach High School and will replace the tennis bubble located at Owen Brown Village. In addition, a new walking path will be created as part of the construction of the new teen center. In terms of renovations to Long Reach Village, nothing will be decided until the end of 2017.

Charges for Advisory Committee for FY17:

Liz, Art Center Manager, discussed the charges for Advisory Committee for the new fiscal year (FY17) which began May 1, 2016 and run until April 30, 2016. They are:

Provide insight and direction to Columbia Association as it continues to develop and implement Columbia Art Center programs.

Advise Columbia Association as it researches, develops, and initiates new Columbia Art Center community projects and collaborations.

Assist Columbia Association in expanding Columbia Art Center's offerings to better meet the changing and growing needs of the community.

Support Columbia Association's efforts to make Columbia Art Center a viable and flourishing arts resource for the community.

Exhibitions and Salon Series Update:

Trudy, Assistant Director, discussed the April Blossoms of Hope theme exhibition (65 artists) and the May faculty/student annual exhibition (70 artists). She updated the committee that upcoming shows included ManneqART in September and Erase Hate Through Art in October. Trudy also recapped the April and May

salon series which featured an environmental sustainability talk by Ned Tillman and a film discussion (favorite directors) with Mike Giuliano and Marie Westhaver. Plans are underway for the fall 2016 and winter/spring 2017 series of monthly presentations.

Ceramics Department Update:

Liz updated the Advisory Committee with a report from Christina who couldn't attend the meeting due to teaching a ceramics class at the Art Center. Updates include:

ARTreach Ceramics Studio Open House and Demos - The ceramics department held an open house showcasing faculty and student demonstrations. Visitors were introduced to the ceramics instructors and invited to try their hands at throwing on the wheel. Ten volunteers comprised of instructors and students answered questions about the ceramics department, provided mini-lessons on the potter's wheel, and gave tours of the studio. Throughout the day over 300 adults, teens, and young children visited the ceramics studio.

Mugs for Columbia's 50th Birthday Celebration - Artist and ceramics instructor Joe Vitek is working in collaboration with Christina, ceramics manager, to design and create 500 mugs to be sold through the Columbia Archives to commemorate Columbia 50th birthday in 2017. The ceramics studio is donating clay, glazes, materials, and firings to help in this project.

Youth Department/Art Camp Update:

Monica, daytime program coordinator, discussed the success of the Free Family Art Frenzy which runs Sundays and has been averaging 15 participants each session. The Art Center's School's Out program for the spring has received a positive increase in numbers compared to previous springs. Summer camp enrollment was low but expected to increase with summer approaching. Monica also reported that senior class of River Hill High School will showcase an art show in Columbia Art Center in the spring of 2017.

Special Programs and Partnerships:

Trudy, assistant manager, updated the Advisory Committee on recent new partnerships including the ARC of Howard County. As a collaboration, Columbia Art Center showcased an exhibition of ARC's clients' fiber works in the Studio I Gallery. Exhibiting artists attended the reception for the show on May 17. Columbia Art Center recently entered into a partnership with the Candlelight Concert Series and will be hosting a fall 2016 art lecture with Steve Hachert of the National Gallery of Art in November 2016. In addition, Columbia Art Center is working with Links, Inc. to showcase a youth art show which will feature works by Head Start and Grassroots during Columbia's 50th Birthday celebration in September 2017. Monica, daytime program coordinator, also shared that Girls on Fire has been utilizing the Art Center for meetings and self-esteem building art activities and the Art Center is working with HCPLS to offer manga and puppet workshops for tweens and teens.

Promotional Efforts:

Liz, manager, updated the Advisory Committee about Columbia Art Center's landing page being updated on Columbia Association's website. Columbia Association has also been posting on social media a variety of Art Center events and shows.

ARTreach Festival Recap:

Liz, Trudy and Monica updated the Advisory Committee on the success of the 2016 ARTreach which took place on June 11 in the Long Reach Village. More than 1700 people attended the village event and enjoyed activities such as free hands-on art activities, music performances, art demonstrations, and more!. The one-day outdoor festival marks the second year of this community event which also included food trucks and community booths. The event was sponsored by Howard County Arts Council, Howard County

Government, Columbia Festival of the Arts, Columbia Association, Long Reach Village Association, and Columbia Art Center. Several Advisory Committee members participated in or attended the event, including Chaya Schapiro who demonstrated painting techniques. Carol Zika, Marlene Jackson, and Lynn Foehrkolb volunteered their time and talents to assist with the event and Dennis Gilbert took photographs of the festival.

Columbia's 50th Birthday Celebration:

Liz updated the Advisory Committee that the Art Center will coordinate a retrospective exhibition of teachers and students who were involved in Columbia Art Center 30 years ago. The show will run in May 2017 and feature the ceramics department students and teachers as well as many 2-d artists. Christina McCleary, Ceramics Manager is instrumental with this exhibition and has a committee which is supporting her efforts in coordinating the show. In addition, Christina is overseeing the creation of mugs commemorating Columbia's 50th which will be used and sold through Columbia Archives. Instructor and artist Joe Vitek will produce the mugs.

Positive New Art Center Investments:

Monica discussed that the Art Center is researching and assisting the possibility of investing in a 3-dimensional printer to be used with programs at the Art Center. Trudy discussed that enhancements are being formulated for the Studio I Gallery with new track lighting and fixtures as well as newly painted walls. Liz discussed the potential for the art center investing in new event chairs and construction of a mobile stage for use with gallery performances and concerts.

Conclusion:

The Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be on **September 14, 2016 at 6:30pm in Columbia Art Center Studio I.**