

Columbia Art Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, September 25, 6:30pm
Minutes

Attendance: Joyce Bell, Janet Brady, Dennis Gilbert, Adam Goode, Barbara Herschman, Marlene Jackson, Nicole Patterson, Doug Satteson, Chaya Schapiro, Suzanne Waller, Carol Zika, and 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: Robert Coe, Lynn Foehrkolb, Christina McCleary, Molly Miller, Mark Russo, Deanna Williford,

Introductions

Liz welcomed the Advisory Committee and had everyone introduce themselves. Chaya Schapiro volunteered to take the minutes.

Columbia Association Board Member Update:

Janet Evans, Long Reach representative on Columbia Association Board of Directors, began the meeting explaining that the purchase agreement for the redevelopment of Long Reach Village has been accepted and Orchard Development is the developer. The goals for redevelopment of Long Reach Village include the existing stores, grocery store building, and the parking lot area. Orchard Development has created a proposal to tear down the existing structures, (excluding Columbia Art Center and Stonehouse). In place of the existing structures, they propose to build a multi-purpose development. This development will include residential, commercial, and medical office areas.

Janet encouraged the Art Center team and advisory committee to brainstorm and develop a 'needs' list for possible enhancements to the Art Center that could be done at the same time the village is being revamped.

Board of Directors July Meeting Update:

Liz shared that Doug Satteson represented the Advisory Committee at the July 2017 Board of Directors meeting. This particular meeting included presentations by all Columbia Association advisory committees. Doug gave a detailed overview of the Art Center's Advisory Committee's activities during the past year. The topic of public art came up as a discussion point among the Board members at the meeting. Based on the conversation, the Art Center has been given the charge of researching the viability and feasibility of having public art present on CA property.

Monica Herber, Program Manager next updated the group on daytime programming and special events.

Columbia Art Center Youth Department hosted a mask activity for Columbia Association School Age Service's Fun Run on September 9 at Lake Kittamaqundi. 150+ youth created masks.

The Youth Department also hosted a mini-canvas plein air painting project in the afternoon on September 9 as a family art activity for the Color Columbia Plein Air event at Lake Kittamaqundi. More than 200 kids/parents participated.

Monica shared that she and her team have coordinated a variety of paint and craft night activities at Columbia Association villages for the fall. She and her team have been diligent in distributing Art Center promotional materials at these events.

Monica shared that the monthly salon series (which she coordinates with Little Patuxent Review) began in September with local author Robert Tennabaum discussing his book Columbia, MD: A Fifty Year Retrospective.

Trudy Babchak, Gallery and Events Specialist, gave a report on Art Center gallery and event news.

Columbia Art Center held a reception for Color Columbia Plein Air on September 16 with more than 125 people attending the event. The sponsors and jurors were present. More than \$3000 was given in prize funds to artists. The show featured art created at the plein air paint-out held September 9 at Lake Kittamaqundi and Wilde Lake. Columbia Art Center also ran a reception for ManneqART on September 17 which included a modern dance performance.

Trudy further shared that Erase Hate Through Art would be on exhibit in October in both galleries. In honor of National Bullying Prevention Month, the show would feature more than 60 artists.

She updated the Advisory Committee that the Maryland Photography Alliance had an exhibit coming in November to be featured in both galleries, and a solo collage show by local artist Pat Wilson was going in the Studio I Gallery.

Trudy explained that Singular Sensations was coming in December and this year's holiday art show would celebrate its 20th anniversary. Trudy shared that the maximum price of art will increase to \$200 from \$150. Trudy also updated the Advisory Committee with news that the Rep Stage may do another play reading in 2018.

Conclusion:

Liz concluded the meeting at 8pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:30pm at Columbia Art Center.