

**Columbia Art Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, June 4, 6:30pm
Minutes**

Attendance: Janet Brady, Lynn Foehrkolb, Dennis Gilbert, Barbara Herschman, Barbara Kellner, Doug Satteson, Chaya Schapiro, Deanna Williford, Carol Zika, and Janet Evans (Long Reach representative on Columbia Association Board of Directors)

Staff in Attendance: Liz Henzey, Trudy Babchak, Monica Herber, Christina McCleary, Edna Davin, Jann Tamburello, and Marlys East. Several Art Center students also attended the open meeting.

Advisory Committee Members not in Attendance: Robert Coe, Molly Miller, Mark Russo, Adam Goode, Nicole Patterson,

Introductions

Liz welcomed the Advisory Committee and had everyone introduce themselves. Barbara Kellner volunteered to take the minutes.

Columbia Association Board Member Update:

Janet Evans, Long Reach representative on Columbia Association Board of Directors, began the meeting with an update on the redevelopment of Long Reach Village:

- Zoning Board approved the redevelopment plan on May 16, 2018.
- Sale of the property has not been finalized, but this approval clears the way for the final sale to Orchard Development.
- A minimum of 35,000 square feet of commercial property was included in the approved plan.
- The first development is likely to start with the townhouses. Permitting will limit the number completed until permits are issued for nonresidential construction.
- Columbia Association (CA) is studying options for the Art Center. A report is expected to be brought to the CA Board in June. It will present the options including a retrofit of the existing Stonehouse and Art Center; a new building; and, a move to a building owned by Orchard Development. Dennis Matthey and Milton Matthews are the leads on the project. The proposal will be presented in a closed meeting.
- CA continues to work with the developer and the county on the plans.
- The timing of the project is not clear, but Janet suggested that groundbreaking would not occur before 2020.

Concerns about adequate parking for events were raised by members and disruptions that are likely to occur during the construction.

CA team member, Marlys East noted the need for communication tools to inform the concerned public and to dispel rumors. As the newly hired member of Community Services department she said she would work with Communications and Marketing department to craft talking points.

Youth and Adult Program Update

Monica Herber, Program Manager, reported on the many recent and upcoming activities including successful collaborations with Salon Series, Thunder Hill Elementary School, Open Streets event, Choose Civility project, Oakland Mills Resource Fair with Howard County, and Festival of the Arts.

Ceramics Department Update

Christina McCleary, Ceramics Manager reported on the positive response received from the Resource Fair at Oakland Mills Village, where she was able to engage with teens and adults through hands-on experience. She reported that she will be concentrating on developing plans for the inevitable move including inventorying current materials and programs and researching options for different firing options. She also noted that plans and work have begun on the next Empty Bowls fundraising event which is scheduled for April 2019.

Gallery and Special Events Update

Trudy Babchak, Gallery Specialist, reported on past and future events including the successful ongoing collaboration with Congressman John P. Sarbane's annual Congressional Youth Art Competition, the upcoming installation of the interactive exhibit Infinite Creator by Fidel Carey-Realmo, and the 2nd annual Color Columbia Plein Air Paint Out to be held September 8, 2018.

Public Art on CA Space Update

Liz reported that Findings and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee for placement of public art on Columbia Association property has been submitted. She noted that conversations were held with local arts organization leaders and public art specialists leading to the recommendations and options. The recommendation was to participate in the Howard County Arts Council ARTSites program according to the copy of the findings that was distributed.

Conclusion:

Liz concluded the meeting at 8pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on **Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30pm** at Columbia Art Center.