

**Columbia Art Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, September 17, 6:30pm
Minutes**

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

Staff in Attendance: Liz Henzey, Trudy Babchak, Monica Herber, Jann Tamburello, and Marlys East.

Advisory Committee Members not in Attendance: Janet Brady, Robert Coe, Molly Miller, Mark Russo, Adam Goode, Suzanne Waller, Deanna Willford.

Introductions

Liz welcomed the Advisory Committee and had everyone introduce themselves.

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:

- The APFO test submission is scheduled for April 2019 and the property is scheduled to transfer in June 2019.
- 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.
- 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.

Update on Presentation of Annual Report to Board of Directors

Doug Satteson, Advisory Committee Member, shared a summary of his report he gave on behalf of Columbia Art Center to the Columbia Association's Board of Directors at its meeting on July 12, 2018. At this Board meeting, Doug shared the Art Center's annual report and a summary report on the Advisory Committee's findings regarding the feasibility and appropriateness for Columbia Association to pursue public art. The Advisory Committee agreed that it was ok to not pursue further investigation of this charge. It is, however, open to future possibilities of a community public art project that involves a call for entries, or pursuing participation in the Howard County Arts Council annual ARTSites program.

Youth and Adult Program Update

Monica Herber, Program Manager, reported the Art Camp's enrollment for its 8 weeks was considerably higher than the past few years. The Art Center's mini-art series offerings for teens and tweens were successful through July and August. The Youth Department had overseen the Head Start Art Enrichment program in late June. Monica highlighted the new fall youth offerings for both school's out and the Art Center. As part of the Little Patuxent Review Committee, Monica shared the fall line-up of monthly salon series presentations for September-December.

Ceramics Department Update

Jann Tamburello, Glaze Technician reported on the positive response the Ceramics Department had with its 3-day booth at Lakefest in June. As part of Columbia Festival of the Arts outdoor event held at Lake Kittamaqundi, the Ceramics Department provided wheel throwing demonstrations and handbuilding activities for attendees. The Ceramics Manager, Christina McCleary, and team distributed more than 300 summer class brochures and recruited nearly 8 new students for teen, youth and adult programs. Jann shared that ceramics classes for summer had gone well and the department was revving up for the fall session. Jann also noted that work has begun on the next Empty Bowls fundraising event which is scheduled for September 2019 as part of the Howard County Arts Council's Road to the Arts.

Gallery and Special Events Update

Trudy Babchak, Gallery Specialist, reported on past and future events including the success of the 2018 Color Columbia Plein Air Paint Out which ran September 8 at Lake Kittamaqundi and Wilde Lake. 44 artists participated and painted at the outdoor event. The event included free family art activities, music by a dee-jay, a pop-up gallery shop on the lakefront stage and walking tours of the lakes.

The plein air paintings were then exhibited in a follow-up show in Columbia Art Center Galleries beginning September 15 with an awards ceremony and reception. Award sponsors, including Howard County Tourism and Promotion, Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission, Richard B. Talkin and Stefanie Dan Feldman were present at the awards ceremony. More than 125 people attended the afternoon reception on September 15. The show was juried by recognized gallery owner and plein air artist Crystal Moll of Baltimore's Crystal Moll Gallery. Due to the positive response to this show, plans are underway for next year's plein air event.

Trudy also updated the Advisory Committee on the fall roster of exhibits and the holiday show scheduled for December.

New Advisory Committee Chair

Liz shared that the current Advisory Committee Chair, Molly Miller, is living most of her time in Florida now and will not be able to continue serving as Chairperson. Liz asked the Advisory Committee members if any of them would be interested in serving as the new Chairperson for the Committee for a two-year term. It was decided that everyone would think about this possibility and follow-up with a discussion at the next meeting.

Conclusion:

Liz concluded the meeting at 7:45pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on **Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30pm** at Columbia Art Center.