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Community Conversation of the Arts Results

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The following were provided by Miah Michaelson from the meeting held of September 6, 2012.

Summary of Community Conversation
September 6, 2012

Why Are Arts Spaces Important to a Community?

A Focused Location

Community Enrichment

Educational Opportunities

Economic Development Multiplier Effect

Showcase Local Talent

Inspiration - What Other Artists are Doing

It's No Fun to do it in your basement

Lend Importance to the Arts

Support the Arts

Opportunity to Collaborate with Other Artists

Education

Inspiration

Community Quality of Life (Ft. Wayne, Bloomington, Columbus, Wabash, Shelbyville, Nashville, Jay County, Munster, Carmel, New York

"The Honeywell Effect" - ability to attract performers and artists into the community to perform

Why Does the Arts Community Need A Community Arts Center?

More Opportunities to See Artwork

Need to Unite

To Indicate that Arts are Important as Sports

Limitations to Current Performance Arts Facilities

Can Attract Other Artists

Multiplier Effect

Quality of Life

"Stuff Factor" of Artists

Rehearsal Space

Visibility & Accessibility

Cross-Pollination Between Disciplines

Artists and Arts Organizations to Further Develop

More Walking Activity

Arts Education

Visiting Artists

Ability to share space & equipment

An opportunity to grown skills and ability

Can accommodate artists at many levels

Feeling of Pride in Community

New Spaces Bring New Businesses to Town

Intergenerational Opportunities

Spaces We Have Now

Space Advantages Disadvantages

Breck Auditorium Large Large

The Circle Downtown Accessible Traffic, Weather
Strand Theatre Historic, Multi-Use, Downtown Scheduling, Parking, Backstage
Private Dance Studios Youth, Different Discipline Not public, fee-based
The Art Guild Downtown, Local Art Small, Can't see art
Skyline Drive-In Historic Weather, Seasonal
Grover Museum Historic/Downtown Parking, Hours
Shelby Eastern Cafetorium Dining Options Bad performance space
Christi's Off-Broadway Downtown Parking
Churches Flexibility, Price Hours, Scheduling
The Library Downtown, Public Space Limited Uses
Occasions Banquet Hall Big, Parking No Perf. Venue, Cost
Horizon Center Older Audience Just Visual Arts, Limited Aud.
Streets of Shelby City/County High Visibility Weather
City Hall Public, location Hours
Fairgrounds Space, Parking Location
Schools Accessible, Youth Limited Hours
Boggstown Inn Well known, professional "Closed" Facility
Triton Auditorium Accessible, Youth Limited Hours
Cemetery Quiet, Captive Audience (!) Weather
Indiana Downs Staff, Parking, Beer (!) Location, Walkability
Scotland Yarn Crafts-focused Size, Parking

What Should a Community Arts Center Provide to Artists?

A location to showcase their work
A place to provide them with a sense of self-worth
Artistic freedom
Collaboration
Motivation
Validation
Education
A community of artists
Teaching Opportunities

What Should a Community Arts Center Provide to the Community?

Affordable Use
Flexibility
Central Point of Contact
Education for Kids, Lifelong Learning
Entertainment
Enlightenment
Connection to community
Participation opportunities
Pride in their community

Proposed Features of a Community Arts Center

Amenities (ranked)
Large Backstage (12)
Rehearsal Space (8)
Expandable Stage (7)
Gallery (7)
Orchestra Pit (6)
Flexible Lighting (5)
Practice Studios (5)
Classrooms (5)
Dressing Rooms (5)
Gift Shop/Concessions/Bar (3)
Audio System (50 channels) (3)
Storage (3)
Climate controlled spaces (2)

Good visibility (2)
Offices (2)
Scenic studio (1)
Soundproofing (1)
Misc. equipment (1)
Restrooms (1)
Work lighting
Flexible audience seating
Lots of Glass/open space
Parking
Lobby & ticket areas

Locations (ranked)

Downtown - Pro: Support a growing area, walkable Con: Parking, Limited space for expansion
Strip Mall Empty Space - Pro: Reuse, customize for needs
Fairgrounds Park (Blue River Park) - Pro: Location, Parking Con: Visibility, No amenities
Intelliplex - Pro: Parking, visibility, space Con: No retail, cost, synergies
Regional - Pro: Shared costs, larger artistic community, collaboration Con: Where, control

Management Entities (ranked)

New Agency (73)
Shelby Senior Services (3)
The Arts Alliance (2)
City/County (1)
The Arts Fest
Main Street Shelbyville
All-inclusive (Arts & Economics)
Blue River Foundation

Selling It

Community Pride
Hard Sell if Public Involvement/Funding Required
Putting Shelbyville on the map
Take the "Tucky" out of Shelbyville
Improves your World
Facility doesn't bring it - \$ does
More restaurants
People didn't want I-74 either
Jobs
Educational opportunities - Lifelong Learning
Benefit to have Youth w/Arts in their lives
Make it personal
Rehabbed space would be easier sell than new facility.
Downtown is a selling point.

Pros & Cons of a Downtown Location

Pros
Community
Home to arts groups
Local focus/buy local
Convenient for Youth
Centrally located

Cons

Perception of a lack of parking/parking challenges
County could be less engaged with downtown

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