

OCAC Meeting notes for May 14, 2007

In attendance:

D. Barker, T. Dockery, A. Levison, T. Lambert, MJ. Felgenhauer, W. Gellert, L. Marco, G. Hathaway, R. Kintz, L. Rade.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ART MOMENT: Art moment given by Leah Rade. Exhibited work by former Duke professor Robert Broderson- a recently re-discovered Smithsonian and Whitney exhibiting artist. Piece was given by his Daughter Penny.

MEETING NEW MEMBERS: We met new members, Linda Marco, Wendy Gallert. All introduced themselves, and welcomed new members.

MINUTES: Addition to minutes given by Martha Shannon. Non-voting member (BOCC) should be added as part of the council. Robert Kline moved to accept the notes as amended, Geoffry Hathaway seconded the motion.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

1) 2 possible members for the art incubator program have been noted. One additional, the Children of the Son (Rita Gonzales Jackson in charge) have been encouraged to apply.

2) Signage for the public art project at Central Orange Senior Center (Sportsplex) has been created

3) \$2,800,00 non-recurring funds have been recommended. This proposal moves to the state Senate.

4) E-marketing for the arts made \$1,015 profit on ticket sales.

5) Questions have been raised regarding the grant forms. How can we make the application process easier? Paperless systems were discussed. this would require scanning or PDF creation. Some applicants may not have these options or may not be technically savvy. Perhaps moving to double-sided paper? This would probably create a nightmare with some forms being 10-13 pages in length. Errors could occur which might cause forms to be confusing or thrown out. Would it be appropriate to require the applicants themselves to provide 15 paper copies of each application? This might be an inappropriate burden for the potential grantees. Would the forms get the proper amount of visual time and attention if they were digital? Some board members expressed concern that reading on computer screens was inconvenient and often difficult on the

eyes. Some board members noted that scheduling time with computers was more difficult than reading printed materials when and where they wanted. It was suggested that this discussion remain on the front burner, and that it should be revisited in July.

6) the art piece "RIPTIDE" (was) moved on May 11th to the new senior center.

7) Diane Reid is resigning her post for Chatham County economic Development Corporation. Her Last Day is May 25th. She has made a recommendation for the interim office holder, but her recommendation has not been made public. Many board members felt this non-public recommendation was ominous.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: There are NO ad hoc committees currently.

DOGS: Mary Jane motions the "Dogs" sculptures be moved. Leah Rade seconds the motion. Locations suggested were first to location A on the map, followed by location B on the map. Locations and order were unanimously accepted.

DONATIONS: Donations made after July 1 should be earmarked for the Seymour Senior Center. A fountain would be best. \$5,000 has currently been requested through the CIP. This is a 1-year engagement.

1% FOR ARTS: This will not be recommended by the county manager. County Manager is supportive of art, but this will not be her time to make a push. Perhaps next cycle would be better received.

BOARD MEMBER ADDITION: Council members will be voting members. If they agree to join, they will expect to vote in addition to being a liaison. Dan Barker moves to reverse our invitation, Wendy Gellert seconds the motion. If a board member joins, they will choose to vote or not vote on ALL issues relating to the arts commission. Concerns were raised that a board member who is against arts funding might join and vote against all measures. Unanimous approval of reversal.

JAZZ FESTIVAL: Good turnout this year, and a good time had by all. Focus was on children to learn the art. The new location was deemed nice, but parking was much more convenient albeit dusty.

ART SHOW DIRECTIONS: www.artsonthevinenc.com will host the art show. Vinyard is located on 119.

GRANT MEETING: The grants meeting will be held at the home of Alice Levinson. This will be a long meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Geoffrey Hathaway motions to adjourn. Linda Marco seconds.