

# Orange County Arts Commission

## Board Meeting

April 14, 2008

Present: Robert Kintz, Alice Levinson, Mary Jane Felgenhauer, Charles Hochman, Shannon Jackson, Tammy Lambert, Mary Harley Kruter, Wendy Gellert, Brownyn Merritt, Tyler Dockery

Absent: Dan Barker, Lauri Alexander, Rachel Lillis, Geoffrey Hathaway, Leah Rade

**Minutes** – Robert Kintz moved that the minutes be accepted.

**Additions to Director's Report** – Seven (7) people attended the Spring 2008 grants information meeting on April 10, 2008 at the Chapel Hill Public Library. All were 1<sup>st</sup> time applicants.

“Public Art 360: A Symposium from Seven Perspectives” was held April 11-12, 2008. This regional public art conference turned into a national art conference. 202 people registered. Most were from NC and SC, but there were attendees from all over the country. Over \$35,000 was raised to pay for Public Art 360. We will most likely have a profit from this event. Any profit will be used for the Public Art 360 website, for an online presence on Second Life, and to help with the next Public Art 360 symposium. This event was very successful. Four (4) people attended from OCAC (Tammy Lambert, Shannon Jackson, Alice Levinson, Lauri Alexander). Tammy Lambert reported that she was impressed with the many different public art projects in various locations. It is very important to have a liaison to local government. It is very important for artists to be included with the developers in the beginning when art is being incorporated into new buildings. Some Orange County artists attended this conference. We can stay connected with Public Art through the Public Art Network of Americans for the Arts.

**Orange County Public Art Master Plan** – Mary Jane Felgenhauer suggested that this would be a great topic for the proposed BOCC liaison. Mary Jane Felgenhauer will put together more ideas on the subject matter via emails to the OCAC board.

**Seymour Center Public Art Selection Committee** – This committee met on April 7, 2008 to review the six (6) submissions from NC artists. Three (3) artists were chosen as finalists to come to Chapel Hill to present site specific proposals for the space. These interviews are being scheduled for May 15, 2008.

The Jean Parish public art piece has been installed at the Seymour Center. It appears that the pastel colors have been modified.

**Visibility of Artists Commission** - Lauri Alexander attended a BOCC meeting. Alice Levinson has not heard back from Barry Jacobs, BOCC Chair, with any feedback on her letter. Alice Levinson and Tyler Dockery will attend upcoming BOCC meetings,

Wendy Gellert attended the ROCK strings presentation, one of our grant recipients. It was very well attended by high school/middle school students.

**Community Culture Center (Whitted Building)** – A presentation will be made at the April 15, 2008 BOCC meeting RE: performance arts center in Hillsborough. Gordon Jameson will be one of the speakers (for Carolina Culture Zone) and (Orange County Artists Guild).

*BOCC Calendar Issues:* If you need to reschedule your attendance at a BOCC meeting, please contact other OCAC members.

Mary Harley Kruter volunteered to email Barry Jacobs to see if he has received the letter that Alice Levinson sent, and to get any feedback.

**Economic Development Commission Director** – Applicants have been narrowed to three (3) people. County Manager is getting input of Chair and Vice Chair of Commissioners. Hopefully the position will be filled by May, 2008.

**Calendar** - Bronwyn Merritt's husband's play will be performed at the end of the month at the Arts Center. (3 ten minute plays on the April 25, 26, 27 - West End Theater)

Alice Levinson & Gordon Jameson will exhibit at the Center for Creative Learning in Greensboro.

Wendy Gellert will participate in Art on the Vine at Iron Gate Vineyards.

Representatives from Creative Wilmington, OCAC, Raleigh Arts Commission, Durham Arts Council, and United Arts of Raleigh/Wake Co. will meet in Durham on April 18, 2008 to discuss licensing a Triangle-wide arts calendar called "Creative Triangle" from Creative Wilmington. Creative Wilmington has recently received grant from Google.

The Arts Commission now has a laptop computer. Willie Best, Interim EDC Director, was instrumental in getting this laptop for us. He also approved Martha Shannon's attendance at the Americans for the Arts annual conference (June 20-22, 2008) to be held this year in Philadelphia.

**Meeting Adjourned** – Mary Jane Felgenhauer made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Tammy Lambert seconded this motion.