

Orange County Arts Commission Board Meeting

November 12, 2007

Attendees: Geoffrey Hathaway, Robert Kintz, Mary Harley Kruter, Shannon Jackson, Alice Levinson, Dan Barker, Mary Jane Felgerhauer, Laurie Alexander, Leah Rade, Tyler Dockery, Rachel Lillis, Bronwyn Merritt, Wendy Gellert

Absent: Tammy Lambert

Staff Present: Martha Shannon

Geoffrey Hathaway presented an "Art Moment" of video that he and a songwriter produced in 1989 entitled "Let's Have Some Fun".

Alice Levinson called the meeting to order. Robert Kintz made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Lauri Alexander seconded.

Martha Shannon reported that a small group attended the Fall 2007 grants info session at the Chapel Hill Public Library. The new "Creative Economy" report from the NC Arts Council can be downloaded from the OCAC website on the main page (beside the light bulb image).

Martha is attending classes at The People's Channel on podcasting and blogging. She requested that our Website Committee think about blogging and why it isn't utilized on the OCAC website. Alice Levinson asked staff to check on how many people look at the site.

November 26th is the proposed meeting at the Seymour Center. Two members from the Seymour Center will not be able to attend. OCAC Seymour Center subcommittee asked that the meeting still continue on November 26th because it has been hard to find a meeting date and it would be hard to reschedule. The subcommittee proposed 4 pm on November 26th. It is only an initial meeting and we do not want to reschedule at this point.

It was suggested that we discuss possible OCAC liaisons to BOCC, in addition to the parameters of those conversations, at the OCAC retreat held in January.

Rachel Lillis will prepare a summary of grant funding and distribute it prior to the retreat.

Mary Harley Kruter, a member of Arts Advocates (with Gordon Jameson, Luna Lee Ray and Rose Weaver) who created the East End Gallery at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro are homeless as of November 1st because they were unable to agree to rent terms/amount with the director. They are looking for a new exhibit space. Mary Harley would like to ask the BOCC to consider a space in Hillsborough as a possible home for Arts Advocates, which is a nonprofit organization providing a community gallery for local artists. Note: The space being considered is the "rock building" that is also being considered for the new home of OCAC. If the space is approved for Arts Advocates, Mary Harley and Gordon said that they would be happy to share the space.

Calendar Items: Alice Levinson will be showing her work at the Raleigh Art Space the first Friday in December. Rachel Lillis has applied for the Entrepreneurial Development Program for UNC Faculty and Staff. (Three tracks are available: Public Health, Medicine and Art.)

Bronwyn Merritt brought up the issue of the possibility of UNC building art studios in downtown Chapel Hill, which will provide much needed space for artists.

Alice Levinson made a motion to adjourn and Leah Rade seconded.