

FROM: Orange County Arts Commission
SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting
DATE: January 13, 2014
LOCATION: Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau, Chapel Hill

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsey Alexander, Kate Dickson, Doris Friend, Gordon Jameson, Alice Levinson, Devra Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Geoffrey Hathaway, Debbie Hepp, Emily Lees, Ashley Nissler, Chris Wehrman, Cher Tuskey

STAFF PRESENT: Martha Shannon

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

NO QUORUM

Topic A

Discussion Point: Review of October, November and December, 2013 Minutes

Decision/Vote(s): In the absence of a quorum, no vote was taken to approve these minutes.

Action Item: None

Topic B

Discussion Point: Director's Report

Decision/Vote(s): Interim County Manager Michael Talbert (an Assistant County Manager) has announced his retirement (as an Assistant County Manager) at the end of March, 2014. But he will stay on as Interim County Manager on a month-to-month basis. New NC sales tax laws do not affect individual artists unless they do performance art and charge admission for people to watch, in which case they must collect sales tax. 2014 performances advertised in 2013 are exempt. 2/21/14 Artists' Salon will be "Speed Dating for Artists & Venues", an idea presented by Meg McGurk of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership. Meg will solicit participation from the 2nd Friday Art Walk venues. 5/16/14 Artists' Salon will offer EverWondr (online arts calendar) training. Seven (7) applicants have applied for the 2014 Piedmont Laureate Program (authors of short fiction). OCAC Board Member Lindsey Alexander will serve on the selection panel, scheduled to meet at the Durham Arts Council on January 24, 2014. The OCAC would like our Public Art line item reinstated into the county's CIP. Gordon Jameson mentioned that we should explore ways of being better partners with the Visitors' Bureau, starting with a meeting with Laurie Paolicelli. OCAC Board Members Gordon Jameson and Devra Thomas volunteered to meet with her.

Action Item: None

Topic C

Discussion Point: New Applicants for OCAC Board

Decision/Vote(s): New Volunteer Applicants Kathleen Ponder and Brian Finch were discussed.

Action Item: Staff will contact Kathleen Ponder to see if she is still available and interested in serving. Staff will contact Brian Finch to ascertain his experience in the arts.

Topic D

Discussion Point: CHOCVB Liaison, Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Decision/Vote(s): The CHOCVB board did not meet in December, 2013.

Action Item: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM