

FROM: Orange County Arts Commission
SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting
DATE: February 10, 2014
LOCATION: Central Orange Senior Center, Hillsborough

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsey Alexander, Doris Friend, Deborah Hepp, Gordon Jameson, Ashley Nissler, Kathleen Ponder, Devra Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Dickson, Geoffrey Hathaway, Emily Lees, Alice Levinson, Cher Tuskey, Chris Wehrman

STAFF PRESENT: Martha Shannon

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

NO QUORUM

Topic A

Discussion Point: Review of October, November, December, 2013 and January 2014 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): The August 2014 Artists' Salon has been moved from Friday, August 15, 2014 to Friday, August 22, 2014. The ArtsCenter requested this change because they had a potential renter for the August 15 date. Volunteer Applicant Natalie Ziemba decided she did not have time in her schedule to serve on the OCAC Board, so her name was removed from the BOCC's January 23, 2014 agenda. The Orange County deadline for the 2014 Congressional High School Art Competition will be by 5 pm on Friday April 11, 2014. The District-wide Reception will be at the NC Museum of Art in Raleigh on either Tues., April 22 or Wed., April 23 depending on Congressman Price's schedule. The Emerging Artists 30th Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Thurs., March 13 at 7 pm at the Durham Arts Council (120 Morris Street) in downtown Durham. Our FY15 estimated Grassroots Program allocation for Orange County is \$30,951 in state funds. Our next Artists' Salon is Friday, February 21, 2014 from 6:30-9 pm at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro. Meg McGurk (Executive Director, Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership) will present "Artist and Venue Matching" with representatives from the 2nd Friday ArtWalk venues. All of the chairs of Orange County Boards and Commissions are being invited to meet with BOCC Chair Barry Jacobs sometime soon.

Action Item: None

Topic C

Discussion Point: New Applicants for OCAC Board

Decision/Vote(s): New Volunteer Applicant Brian Finch was discussed and it was agreed to move forward with his name for consideration by the BOCC. It was also suggested that in the future, new volunteer applicants be invited to attend an OCAC monthly board meeting as an observer.

Action Item: Staff will send the name of Brian Finch to the Clerk to the BOCC's Office.

Topic D

Discussion Point: Agenda Additions/New Business/Old Business

Decision/Vote(s): Gordon Jameson brought an item submitted by Judith Ernst RE: Orange County's zoning laws to the OCAC's attention. It was suggested that Edith research the zoning laws in other municipalities to use as examples. It was also suggested that Judith research the arts economic impact and present this zoning change to the BOCC as a "no cost" way to increase the number of working artists here. It was also suggested the Judith meet with the county commissioners individually, in advance of making a presentation to them, so she can better understand and address any concerns they may have.

Action Item: Gordon Jameson will respond to Judith Ernst's request with the above mentioned suggestions.

Topic E

Discussion Point: Agenda Additions/New Business/Old Business

Decision/Vote(s): It was suggested that our meeting start time be changed from 6 pm to 6:30 pm for the convenience of our members.

Action Item: It was agreed to make this change in start time beginning with the March, 2014 meeting and notify all OCAC board members. Staff will also notify the Clerk to the BOCC's office for public notification.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM