

FROM: Orange County Arts Commission
SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting
DATE: March 10, 2014
LOCATION: Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau, Chapel Hill

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kate Dickson, Geoffrey Hathaway, Deborah Hepp, Emily Lees, Kathleen Ponder, Devra Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsey Alexander, Doris Friend, Gordon Jameson, Alice Levinson, Ashley Nissler, Cher Tuskey, Chris Wehrman

STAFF PRESENT: Martha Shannon

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

NO QUORUM

Topic A

Discussion Point: Review of October, November, December, 2013; January, February 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): OCAC Board Member Christopher Wehrman has decided not to seek another term on the board because of scheduling conflicts. The name of Volunteer Applicant Brian Finch is on the BOCC's March 18, 2014 meeting agenda for possible appointment. The names of Geoffrey Hathaway, Devra Thomas, and Ashley Nissler are on the BOCC's March 18, 2014 agenda for re-appointment. Gordon Jameson is not eligible for reappointment by the BOCC at this time. We need two judges for the district-wide judging for the Congressional High School Art Competition, date/time/place TBD. Debbie Hepp volunteered to serve as a district-wide judge. For our FY15 budget request to the BOCC, staff moved \$2,000 from our "printing" line item to our "local arts grants" line item, to make this amount more in line with the state funds. Short Fiction author Carrie Knowles of Raleigh was chosen as the 2014 Piedmont Laureate.

Action Item: None

Topic C

Discussion Point: New Applicants for OCAC Board

Decision/Vote(s): New Volunteer Applicant Allison Reavis was discussed and all present were in favor of her application.

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

Topic D

Discussion Point: Conflict of Interest Policy for NC Arts Council

Decision/Vote(s): This item was tabled until next meeting because of no quorum.

Action Item: None

Topic E

Discussion Point: Committee Updates

Decision/Vote(s): The February Visitors Bureau board meeting was held at the new Hampton Inn in Carrboro. Our Public Art Program came up (it has been dormant for several years). When the CIP was revised several years ago to include only capital projects \$100,000 or more, it made the Arts Commission's public art line item ineligible. Our request for \$20,000 for a public art project behind the Justice Facility in Hillsborough is currently under consideration by the Visitors Bureau. The next CHOVCB board meeting is March 19, 2014. The OCAC is on their agenda to make a presentation on this public art request. Gordon Jameson had requested a meeting with Laurie Paolicelli to talk about how the Visitors Bureau and the Arts Commission could work together better. Devra Thomas and Martha Shannon also attended this meeting. Devra Thomas gave a brief report on this meeting. Visitors Bureau leadership has no intention of changing the way the Arts Commission works or functions. Devra reported that Laurie Paolicelli suggested some additional funds for the Arts Commission's FY15 advertising budget, in return for which the Arts Commission was asked to come up with a marketing campaign.

Action Item: Because Gordon Jameson's term on the OCAC board is expiring, a new liaison to the Visitors Bureau board needs to be chosen. The focus during those meetings is on the tourism part of what the OCAC does.

Topic F

Discussion Point: Agenda Additions/New Business/Old Business

Decision/Vote(s): The Town of Chapel Hill has a 1% for art program for new development, but the county doesn't have a similar requirement. This may be something the OCAC could work on – again. The Orange County Artists Guild is having a spring tour for the first time this year. It will be in mid-April. The meeting that had been arranged between the BOCC and the chairs of all the county's boards/commissions was canceled due to inclement weather. One Song Productions (an OCAC grant recipient) had a production this past weekend that sold out every show. They will consider adding a matinee next time. The February Artists' Salon was very successful and well attended. Jerry Williams (Carrboro Music Festival) will be moving with his family to Columbia, South Carolina. He will be sorely missed, and the Town of Carrboro will be looking for his replacement.

Action Item: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM