

FROM: Orange County Arts Commission  
SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting  
DATE: June 9, 2014  
LOCATION: OWASA Community Room, Carrboro

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsey Alexander, Brian Finch, Doris Friend, Geoffrey Hathaway, Deborah Hepp, Emily Lees, Ashley Nissler, Kathleen Ponder, Allison Reavis, Devra Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kate Dickson, Cher Tuskey

STAFF PRESENT: Martha Shannon

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Topic A

**Discussion Point:** Review of May 2014 Minutes

**Decision/Vote(s):** Discussion of minutes. No changes.

**Action Item:** Vote taken; minutes approved unanimously.

Topic B

**Discussion Point:** Director's Report

**Decision/Vote(s):** No cuts to the NC Arts Council's FY15 Grassroots Program budget are anticipated in the short legislative session. Special event exemption was approved by the BOCC for some arts projects by nonprofit organizations, such as the Orange County Artists Guild's annual open studio tour. FY15 county budget meetings are in progress. No further changes to the OCAC's budget in the Interim Manager's recommended FY15 budget are expected. Volunteer applicant Malena Smither has decided not to seek appointment. We are still seeking applicants for the OCAC board. The OCAC board does not meet in July.

**Action Item:** None

Topic C

**Discussion Point:** CHOCVB Liaison, Ad Hoc Committee Updates

**Decision/Vote(s):** No updates at this time.

**Action Item:** None

Topic D

**Discussion Point:** OCAC Board Mini-Retreat - June 29, 2014 (1:30-4 pm)

**Decision/Vote(s):** OCAC board mini-retreat will be at the home of board member Brian Finch in Cedar Grove. Special guest Karen Wells (Director, ARTS North Carolina) will lead a discussion on arts advocacy.

**Action Item:** Brian Finch will email directions to his home to staff for distribution to board members.

Topic E

**Discussion Point:** CLOSED Session – Spring 2014 Grant Evaluation

**Decision/Vote(s):** Twenty-six (26) Spring 2014 grant applications were reviewed by the full board.

**Action Item:** \$1,750 in county funds (to artists) and \$30,951 in state funds were awarded in this cycle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM