

FROM: Orange County Arts Commission
SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting
DATE: September 8, 2014
LOCATION: Century Center, Carrboro

MEMBERS PRESENT: Katherine Dickson, Deborah Hepp, Ashley Nissler, Kathleen Ponder, Devra Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lindsey Alexander, Brian Finch, Doris Friend, Geoffrey Hathaway, Emily Lees

VISITOR PRESENT: Tinka Jordy

STAFF PRESENT: Martha Shannon

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

NO QUORUM

Topic A

Discussion Point: Review of August 2014 Minutes

Decision/Vote(s): Brief discussion of minutes.

Action Item: No vote taken because of lack of quorum.

Topic B

Discussion Point: Director's Report

Decision/Vote(s): The decorative bench placed within our public art project at the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough has been removed. The bus stop in front of the library has been relocated to the other side of the library's entrance, and some other bench has been installed at this new bus stop location. Twenty-four (24) writers attended the "Sense of Place" writing workshop on September 5th with 2014 Piedmont Laureate Carrie Knowles at the Burwell School Historic Site in Hillsborough. Staff met with the new County Manager and gave her information about the Arts Commission's programs and services, including information about the previous "public vs. private" debate and our previous public art program (which we would like to re-start). Americans for the Arts' *Arts and Economic Prosperity IV* is coming up. We will need to budget for it over several fiscal years. BOCC abstract deadlines (to be on their meeting agenda) are approx. 2-3 weeks prior to their meetings. If we want to present at one of their meetings (about public art or otherwise), OCAC board members should be meeting with them first. There are some changes to the OCAC board meeting schedule. The 11/10 meeting will be at the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough; the 12/8 meeting will be at OWASA in Carrboro.

Action Item: None.

Topic C

Discussion Point: CHOCVB Liaison, Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Decision/Vote(s): Deb Hepp reported on the most recent Visitors Bureau board meeting. Nick Dido of the Kenan Institute has created a "brand" for the state at the request of the NC Department of Commerce: beaches, mountains, and basketball (plus southern hospitality). A marketing firm in Charlotte will help design the brand. Deb Hepp would like another OCAC board member to attend the October 15th CHOCVB board meeting, as she will be out-of-town. The Marketing Committee discussed how to present OCAC at our Festifall booth – posters, pamphlets, focusing on grant recipients (especially individual artists) with

images and testimonials. OCAC board members are still needed to help staff the booth at Festifall on October 5th in Chapel Hill.

Action Item: None

Topic D

Discussion Point: Nominating Committee

Decision/Vote(s): The Nominating Committee will present their slate of officers (Devra Thomas - Chair, Lindsey Alexander – Vice Chair, Katherine Dickson – Secretary) at our October 2014 meeting for a vote (when there will hopefully be a quorum).

Action Item: None

Topic E

Discussion Point: Old Business/New Business/Post-Mini-Retreat

Decision/Vote(s): OCAC Board Members are setting up meetings with BOCC members to discuss funding of public art and/or organizational structure. Devra Thomas has met with the new County Manager, and someone from her office will be attending board meetings of the various Orange County boards and commissions. Devra Thomas will distribute a spreadsheet for OCAC board members to sign up for advocacy.

Action Item: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM