

FROM: Orange County Arts Commission
SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting
DATE: August 10, 2015
LOCATION: Century Center, Carrboro

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Albert, Ian Bowater, Kate Dickson, Doris Friend, Tinka Jordy, Tony Kane, Ashley Nissler, Kim Roberts, Scott Van Manen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Geoffrey Hathaway, Debb Hepp, Tim Hoke, Bronwyn Merritt, Joy Salyers

STAFF PRESENT: Martha Shannon

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Topic A

Discussion Point: New Board Member Introduced

Decision/Vote(s): OCAC Board Members introduced themselves and welcomed Tony Kane.

Action Item: None

Topic B

Discussion Point: Review of June 2015 Minutes

Decision/Vote(s): Discussion of minutes

Action Item: June 2015 Minutes were approved.

Topic C

Discussion Point: Presentation on Creative Carrboro

Decision/Vote(s): Anita Jones-McNair (Director, Town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks) and Annette Stone (Director, Town of Carrboro Community and Economic Development) made a presentation about the next steps for Creative Carrboro. Their committee decided against a formal arts district designation for Carrboro. Creative Carrboro wants to create collaboration between various arts entities (Carrboro Arts Committee, Orange County Arts Commission, Economic Sustainability Commission, etc.) in Orange County. Our understanding was that representatives from these groups would develop a five-year plan that would be presented to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. Their idea may be that these groups would collectively implement the plan once approved. The OCAC board had questions about the exact goal of this collective group, who would fund the plan's implementation, and how this new committee's work would overlap with the three groups' existing missions. OCAC board members were concerned about the lack of a clear mission and resources for the proposed group, and wanted more information and clarity.

Action Item: None

Topic D

Discussion Point: Director's Report

Decision/Vote(s): The current extended deadline for the NC General Assembly to adjourn is supposed to be mid-August, but may need to be extended again to finish the state's FY16 budget. The proposed increase in FY16 Grassroots funds is in the Conference Committee. If the Conference Committee agrees to

the entire \$500,000 increase in Grassroots funds statewide, Orange County would get an increase of \$6,701. Any Orange County increase is likely to be around \$3,000-\$4,000. The Durham Arts Council's Emerging Artists Program discipline panels will meet in October. One or two OCAC board members are needed to serve on various discipline panels. Please let staff know if you'd like to serve. Their Full Committee will meet on November 11, 2015. Over the summer, Brian Finch resigned from the OCAC board. OCAC needs to suggest his replacement to the BOCC. The next Artists' Salon set for August 21, 2015 ("Tax Issues for Artists – Shoebox Accounting"). Thanks so much for OCAC board member input RE: recommendations on sponsoring rotating art exhibits. These recommendations have been sent to the committee working on art exhibit policies for Orange County. A 2nd meeting has been set for August 13th to work on these policies. The final version will then go to the County Manager for approval. A "Save the Date" email has gone out for the OCAC's 30th Anniversary celebration on September 3, 2015. The 30th Anniversary Committee should meet soon to finalize planning. There has been a good response from current/former grantees RE: performing. Anticipated attendance is at least 50 persons. The OCAC's new website design was launched on August 7, 2015.

Action Item: None

Topic E

Discussion Point: CHOCVB Liaison, Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Decision/Vote(s): Ashley Nissler reported for Debb Hepp that the Marketing Committee helped with the new OCAC website's organization. OCAC's Marketing Committee will meet again at 9 am on August 27, 2015 at Joe Van Gogh in Chapel Hill.

Action Item: None

Topic F

Discussion Point: Nomination of New Board Member

Decision/Vote(s): Current Arts Commission Volunteer Applicant list was reviewed.

Action Item: Applicant Jennifer Shelton will be suggested to the BOCC for possible appointment.

Topic G

Discussion Point: Appointment of Nominating Committee

Decision/Vote(s): Nominating Committee needs to be activated, charged with bringing back a new slate of officers at the Arts Commission's September 14, 2015 meeting.

Action Item: Ian Bowater and Tinka Jordy both volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Topic H

Discussion Point: Agenda Additions/Old Business/New Business

Decision/Vote(s): There is a need to publicize our new website design and new artist database.

Action Item: A press release will go out to help publicize our new website design and new artist database.

Topic I

Discussion Point: Calendar

Decision/Vote(s): Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2015 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 2-3 at the Century Center (100 N. Greensboro Street) in Carrboro.

Action Item: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM