

**ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Link Government Services Building**

**200 S. Cameron St, Hillsborough, NC**

*Board members present: Tim Hoke, Chair, Doris Friend, Secretary, Lynne Albert, Delia Keffe, Jen Rogers, Dan Mayer, Bronwyn Merritt, Consuelo Marshall, Anita Mills, Helen Jones, Ashley Nissler*

*Board members absent: Tinka Jordy, Tarish Pipkins*

*Staff members present: Katie Murray, Director*

- I. Hoke called the meeting to order at 6:30.
- II. Albert moved, Nissler seconded to approve the April, 2017 minutes. Motion passed.
- III. Director's Report:
  - Murray thanked board members who have volunteered to participate in various events during the past month.
  - Murray is hosting Orange County Creatives meet and greet at Mystery Brewing in Hillsborough on June 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m. Board members are encouraged to attend.
  - Several board members volunteered to attend the NATJA conference on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Board members are invited to attend the unveiling of the Mark Elliott sculpture at Orange County Animal Services on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR: OCAC Grants Panel meeting on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Link Building
  - Save the date: "Paint it Orange" plein air painting event October 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Hillsborough Arts Council
  - New board member orientation will take place sometime in May. TBD
  - Murray met with two potential new board members. Albert moved and Hill seconded to elect Chris Kubica to OCAC.
  - Murray reported that turn out to the grant training sessions has been strong. Also, there has been significant increase in activity on our website.
  - Murray spoke to the Orange County Artist Guild in April.
  - Murray reminded the board that OCAC is not permitted to award grants to organizations that receive funds from the State. We will partner with The Arts Center to fund school shows outside of the grant process.
  - Murray is working on setting up listening sessions. There was general agreement that small groups are the best approach.
  - Murray met with Assistant County Manager. It was determined that changes to the OCAC structure will be reconsidered following completion of our transition process.

IV. Liaison Reports:

- Hoke: The Visitor's Bureau is gearing up for the National Association of Travel Journalists conference next week. Planning for new 100-room hotel in Southern Village.
- Friend: No report.
- Mills: No report. Thanks to Katie for speaking to the group last month.
- Mayer: The Arts Center is implementing a high school artist apprenticeship for Carrboro residents this summer.
- Rogers: Playmaker's production of "My Fair Lady" broke attendance records. The Summer Youth Conservatory is presenting "Bye Bye Birdie" this summer.

V. Advocacy Updates:

- Hoke reminded board members of the importance of participating in Face Book and Twitter to promote OCAC.
- In addition, Hoke encouraged board members to be active advocates in the community. Talk to everyone about OCAC!

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary