

ORANGE COUNTY September 11, 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; Delia Keefe, Tarish Pipkins, Chris Kubica, Anita Mills

Board Members absent: Bronwyn Merritt, Tinka Jordy, Dan Mayer, Consuelo Marshall, Helen Jones, Ashley Nissler

Staff Members present: Katie Murray, Director

- I. Hoke called the meeting to order at 6:30.
- II. Katie asked for clarification about Item 8 in the August minutes. It was agreed to defer this discussion to the October meeting. Absent a quorum, approval of the August minutes was also deferred to October.
- III. Board Member Discussion:
 - Murray announced that Jen Rogers has resigned from the Board due to the birth of her first child.
 - We now have three open seats on our board. Board members are strongly encouraged to help identify candidates to fill these positions. Special emphasis should be placed on diversity, UNC, Chapel Hill Arts Commission and the performing arts.
 - Chris Kubica expressed interest in stepping in to the Vice Chair position. Thank you Chris!
- IV. Director's Report
 - Part-time Intern Georgia Brunner started her employment today. Thanks to Doris Friend for her assistance with the interview process.
 - Murray is working with the ad hoc Cultural Arts Group on exploring an arts center for Orange County. The group will be working on a study to demonstrate why the arts are critical to the economy and tourism; examples of other similar communities; proposed solutions and plans for advocacy.
 - Another 20 pieces of art were presented to the Carolina Inn for review.
 - Plans for the Plein Air Paint-Out are going well.
 - IMPORTANT DATES:
 - Tuesday, September 19th, 7:00 at Southern Human Services Building in Chapel Hill. The Commissioners will present checks to our grant recipients.

- Thursday, October 5th, 6:00 at The Arts Center in Carrboro. Joint press conference with the North Carolina Arts Council to announce State of the Arts in Orange County statistics.
- Friday, October 27th, at the Hillsborough Arts Council. Judging of the Plein Air Paint-Out winners followed by the Wet Paint sale.
- November 4th, at Gold Park in Hillsborough. Unveiling of the Bee Hotel.
- BOARD MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED to attend these events. It is especially important that we have outstanding representation at the OCTOBER 5TH PRESS CONFERENCE.

V. Grant Discussion:

- In follow-up to the August decision to form a subcommittee to review our grant process, Murray, Jordy and Mayer met. Thanks to Tinka and Dan for their input. The committee will meet again, date TBD. All working artists on the board are encouraged to attend. Your input will be valuable.

VI. Liaison Reports:

- Hoke: Visitor's Bureau – The Visitor's Bureau ended the fiscal year more positively than expected. However, HB2 is still causing some very large conferences to cancel.
- Friend: Hillsborough Arts Council – HAC holds their annual meeting in September. I was excused from the meeting. I have been elected to serve on the HAC for the coming fiscal year.
- Mills: The Artists Guild is busy preparing for the annual Studio Tour on November 4-5 and 11-12. The Guild is exploring ideas to attract younger members.

Hoke adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary