

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Link Government Services Building

200 South Cameron Street

Hillsborough, NC

Board Members present: Tim Hoke, Chair; Doris Friend, Secretary; Dan Mayer, Ashley Nissler, Delia Keefe, Tinka Jordy, Marcela Slade, Marlon Torres, Linda Williamson

Board Members absent: Tarish Pipkins, Helen Jones, Anita Mills, Chris Kubica, Bronwyn Merritt

Staff Members present: Katie Murray, Director, Georgia Brunner, Intern

- I. Hoke called the meeting to order at 6:30 followed by introductions and welcome to our new members.
- II. Nissler moved, Mayer seconded to approve the November 13th minutes. Motion passed.
- III. Board Member Discussion:
 - We have one vacancy on the board.
 - Volunteer applications of Heather Lewis and Fred Joiner were reviewed.
 - Friend moved, Hoke seconded to approve Fred Joiner's application for membership. Motion passed.
- IV. Listening Sessions:
 - Nine listening sessions were held during the month of December. They were well attended. Five major themes emerged: advocacy on behalf of space and arts equity, educational opportunities, promotion, community connection and funding.
 - Murray distributed a summary of the listening sessions to the board. Board members are asked to carefully review this information and to be prepared to make recommendations regarding immediate goals and long-term goals at our February meeting.
- V. Director's Report
 - Murray has submitted two proposals to UNC Public Policy Capstone to 1) help identify a public source of funding for the arts commission and 2) help to conduct space assessment of Orange County and determine the need of a stand-alone arts facility.
 - Discussion of forming a "Friends of the Arts Commission" has been temporarily tabled.
 - Murray will be doing "Heart of the Arts" spots on WCHL.

- Orange County Commissioners have asked Murray to arrange for a brief arts-related presentation at the beginning of each of their meetings. Murray has contacted local writers who have been very responsive.

VI. Liaison Reports:

- Hoke: Visitor's Bureau – The Visitor's Bureau was quiet in December due to the holidays.
- Friend: Hillsborough Arts Council – The Hillsborough Arts Council had a facilitated all-day planning session on Saturday, January 6th. Goals and timelines were agreed upon: 1) a re-envisioning of the gallery space; 2) monetizing programs, 3) development of a fundraising plan, 4) a marketing plan, 5) board development, 6) volunteer recruitment, 6) increase staff hours.
- Mayer – Carrboro Arts Committee: A public arts policy is in the works. The Arts Center has hired Fleming Samuels as Development Director. A new Gallery Director will be hired in the spring. The report from the consultants' capital campaign feasibility study is due this month.

VII. New Business:

OCAC and The Arts Center will be presenting a performance about Frederick Douglass at The Arts Center, a date in March to be determined.

Hoke adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary