

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

200 S. Cameron St

Hillsborough, NC

Board Members present: Tim Hoke, Chair; Doris Friend, Secretary; Chris Kubica, Vice Chair; Evan Linett, Dan Mayer, Linda Williamson, Marcela Slade, Ashley Nissler, Anita Mills, Bronwyn Merritt

Board Members absent: Delia Keefe, Tinka Jordy, Marlon Torres, Fred Joiner,

Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director

I. Tim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Ashley moved, Justin seconded to approve the March, 2019. Motion approved.

III. Advisory Board Update:

- Based on a standing motion from the March, 2019 meeting from Dan and Ashley to approve the amendments to the OCAC by-laws, Tim called for a vote. Motion passed.
- Nomination of new officers was deferred to the May meeting.

IV. Director's Report:

- Katie continues to pursue avenues for public funding. She has hit a lot of dead-ends. Exploring a partnership with other County entities might be an option, especially if a 501(c)3 can be established.
- Katie continues to look for possible artists' studio space around Orange County. Looking to the Art Space group for assistance in personal inspection of ten identified spaces. The Hillsborough Arts Council has visited space in Eno Mill and the former Moose Lodge in Hillsborough. The Eno Mill space is a possibility but HA has voted not to pursue it at this time. Perhaps a fit for OCAG.
- Katie is working to explore partnerships with the Health & Human Services, Housing, and Department of Aging to find ways in which OCAC can expand arts access to at-risk populations.

V. Grants:

- Katie distributed grant committee assignments.
- Katie asked for assistance in translating the grant application into Spanish. Marcela volunteered. Thank you!
- Marcela also agreed to attend some training sessions where Spanish would be helpful.

VI. Liaison Reports:

Visitor's Bureau – Tim

- Have hired Clean Design for their new branding efforts

Hillsborough Arts Council – Doris

- Doris reviewed HA's progress on their three-year strategic plan.

Orange County Artists Guild – Anita

- The Guild is considering orienting new members and forming committees for the Studio Tour.

UNC/Chapel Hill Arts Commission –Justin

- Playmakers hosted a playwriting workshop attended by about 50 people.
- Working on art for bus shelters around Chapel Hill.
- Hosting a pop-up puppet workshop with Tarish Pipkins, Friday-Saturday-Sunday at 109 E Franklin.

UNC Student Liaison – Evan

- Evan distributed a comprehensive list of events and activities on campus.
- Music Empowerment is seeking an Executive Director.
- Evan announced that Rachael Daspard will take his UNC liaison role following his graduation this spring. We will miss you Evan!

The Arts Center / Carrboro Arts Committee – Dan

- TAC is gearing up for summer camp.
- Looking forward to the annual gala on April 27.
- Received a major grant from the Kenan Foundation for capital campaign and program development.
- Carrboro continues to talk about public art.
- June is Pride Month in Carrboro. There may be related art activities.

VII. Advocacy Updates:

- Bronwyn represented OCAC at a meeting with Carolina Performing Arts. The group is planning a public art installation celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the US.
- Marcela told the group about a new industrial-style art and studio space in Pittsboro.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary