

**ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION**

**May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Chapel Hill Library, Room A**

**Chapel Hill, 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, Delia Keefe, Fred Joiner, Justin Haslett*

*Board Members absent:; Tinka Jordy, Marlon Torres*

*Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director*

- I. Chris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Ashley moved, Linda seconded to approve the April, 2019. Motion approved.
- III. Advisory Board Update:
  - UNC student, Rachael Despard's application to fill the UNC Student Liaison position replacing Evan Linett has been submitted to Orange County Commission. Anita moved, Justin seconded the motion to approve the election of Rachael Despard, pending approval from the Commission. Motion passed.
  - Graduation congratulations to Evan and many, many thanks for his service this past year. Good luck Evan!
  - Katie has been out of town for an extended period due to her father's hospitalization. OCAC's by-law revisions will be on the Commission's June agenda.
  - The Nominating Committee presented a list of officers to serve June, 2019 through December 31, 2020:
    - Chair, Fred Joiner
    - Vice Chair, Tinka Jordy
    - Secretary, Delia Keefe

Doris moved, Ashley seconded to approve the slate of officers as presented. Motion approved. Congratulations and thanks to our new officers!

- IV. Director's Report:
  - Katie met with Deputy County Manager, Travis Myren regarding the formulation of a 501(c)3 in partnership with OCAC. Under this structure Katie would remain a County employee. The 501(c)3 would be similar to the nonprofit partnerships recently formed within other County agencies. The 501(c)3 would be the public-facing entity named something like Orange County Arts Council to provide clarity to the arts community.

Structuring, naming and branding the new entity will require careful thought, input from this board, and perhaps the expertise of an outside consultant.

- Several weeks ago, Katie was asked to convene stakeholders with interest in the placement of the proposed stage at the County owned River Park in Hillsborough. The initial meeting resulted in many differing opinions and it was agreed that Katie would convene a second meeting to work toward consensus. In Katie's absence, a meeting was held without notification to stakeholders. A key stakeholder learned of the meeting and attended to express concerns and recommendations. The meeting ended in acrimony. Hopefully, Katie can reconvene the stakeholders to move forward in a positive manner.

V. Grants:

- About ten grant applications have been received so far.

VI. Liaison Reports:

Visitor's Bureau – Tim

- Still primarily focused on impact of Air BNBs in Chapel Hill.

Hillsborough Arts Council – Doris

- Art in the Heart of Hillsborough on May 4<sup>th</sup> was a success. Forty-eight artists participated.
- Final strategic planning meeting was held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Doris will write-up the final strategic plan document.

Orange County Artists Guild – Anita

- Spring is in the Art exhibit is up at FRANK and the "pop-up" space at University Place through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

UNC/Chapel Hill Arts Commission/UNC Playmakers –Justin

- Chapel Hill Arts Commission is seeking funding for public art for a location at Fordham Blvd and Elliott Rd
- Have agreed to have the option to dedicate funds to a specific project or dedicate funds to a larger pool
- Playmakers will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019-2020
- Arts Everywhere on UNC campus have installed short story kiosks around campus

The Arts Center / Carrboro Arts Committee – Dan

- TAC is gearing up for summer camp – our busiest season.
- The Gala at the North Carolina Botanical Gardens was a success. The event was sold out and both gross and net profits exceed last year.
- Carrboro Arts Committee is emphasizing Pride events.
- Jeff York spoke to the Carrboro Arts Committee about public art

- There is some discussion between Carrboro, Chapel Hill, the Downtown Partnership about improving 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Art Walk. Possibly include OCAC?

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

Respectfully submitted, Doris Friend, OCAC Secretary