

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

July 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - GoToMeeting

Board Members present: Fred Joiner, Chair; Delia Keefe, Secretary; Tinka Jordy, Vice Chair; Dan Mayer, Linda Williamson, Doris Friend, Marlon Torres, Tim Hoke, Anita Mills, Bronwyn Merritt

Board Members absent: Marcela Slade, Justin Haslett

Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director; Emilie Menzel, Assistant

- I. Fred called the meeting to order at 6:47p.m.
- II. Marlon moved to approve the March 2020 minutes. Linda seconded.
- III. Advisory Board Update (moved to end of agenda)
- IV. Director's Report:
 - a. Orange County Arts Alliance update.

We are seeking 501C3 status. The first group of officers will be rolling off of the commission board.
Fundraising will fall under this arm. We hope to start the joint executive committees meetings up again soon.
 - b. Orange County Arts Support Fund (third round panel)

Under \$60,000 has been raised. The NC Arts Council provided a \$15,000 grant. 15 of these grants were awarded across the state. Applications will be open July 20-31. We need panelists to review these applications.
 - c. Eno Mill update.

Diversity is important. We are especially seeking artists of color. Five talented artists are renting studio space now. We are getting ready to use the big open space. The mill has offered to rent this space to us. The county will make a decision regarding this after assessing legal concerns.
 - d. #LoveHillsborough Community Art Project

This is a public art project involving about 300 participants making 150 heart shaped mosaics. The mosaics will be displayed on a wall behind Weaver Street.
 - e. Art on the Hill – July 2021

This is a county-wide public art project. Tinka is the board rep for this project.
We are looking for grants and committee members.
- V. FY 20-21 Grants cycle

There is a big change. Over the last two years the artists' grants included professional development also. The Arts Center is the fiscal agent for the relief fund. For the county to provide funds, there has to be something coming back. The Artist Support Grant through the state replaces the Emerging Artist Grants.

Grant training programs for artists and organizations will be held on the 21st and 23rd. Mark your calendars for September 8-11 for grant review.

VI. Liaison Reports

a. Hillsborough Arts Council

The last 4 ½ months have been difficult. The arts council is working through the difficulties to provide outdoor arts events including a garden concert and a traveling sound truck with a band. The gift shop opened on July 1 with precautions in place. Paint it Orange will be a virtual event, Paint it in NC. The council is working on an online literary program.

b. The ArtsCenter

The center began offering classes online in April. There have been some changes in staff. There is a relief effort for teaching artists. Summer camp is ongoing with rules in place and reduced numbers of campers. Federal loans and donations have helped. A building permit has been submitted for the new building.

c. Visitor's Bureau

Rentals are meager in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Many in the hotel community are out of work. Take out meals help the restaurants. The next meeting is on August 19th.

d. Orange County Artists Guild

The tour has been cancelled for the fall. Online shows will be on the square space site for sales and exhibitions.

VII. Advocacy Updates

a. Covid-19 resources discussion

Katie is frequently sending out information on resources for artists.

III. Advisory Board Update (moved to end of agenda)

a. OCAC Advisory Board Nominations

i. Matthew Keith, UNC Student Liaison. Tim motioned to approve Matthew. Anita seconded.

ii. We need to think about nominations for our upcoming vacancy.

Fred moved to adjourn the meeting. Doris seconded.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted, Delia Keefe, OCAC Secretary