

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

June 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - GoToMeeting

*Board Members present: Fred Joiner, Chair; Delia Keefe, Secretary;
Linda Williamson, Justin Haslett, Matthew Keith, Sean Bailey,
Dan Mayer, Crystal Wu, Sarah Shore, Marlon Torres, Lindsay Metivier
Board Members absent: Anita Hill, Brad Porter, John Bemis, Krista Bremer
Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director; Emilie Menzel, Assistant*

- 1) Fred called the meeting to order at 6:31p
- 2) Justin moved to approve the May minutes. Matthew seconded.
The minutes were approved.
- 3) Director's Report:
 - a) ARP Request Update
As of this date funding has been approved for:
Reopening grants for cultural organizations and Art on the Hill Public Art Festival. We are still waiting to hear about other state or federal funding that might be available.
 - b) Eno Mill Update
Katie moved into the new space the last day of May. The space is still under construction but should be done by next week. We might possibly have the August meeting in person.
 - c) Grants Update
Katie hosted two training sessions for this year's grants and they were well attended. Panels will meet in July. A stipend of \$200 will be given to guest panelists to acknowledge their time. Panels may or may not be held in person.
Katie will assess the comfort level for participants.
- 4) Future of Orange County Arts Support Fund
We have distributed \$134,150 mostly to individual artists and some organizations. We have a need for a fund managed by the Orange County Art Alliance, a fundraising arm. It could be an emergency fund for individuals or organizations and would allow us as an organization to continue to offer support. The board voted to have Katie close the covid relief fund and investigate an artists' emergency fund.
- 5) Future DEI work
This did not get county funding but we need to find a way to make

it happen. We need a free, 6 months -1 year program, to help arts organizations understand the importance of being able to embrace different types of people and to understand systemic racism.

6) Art on the Hill

Meetings will start in July for this event next summer.

7) Liaison Reports

a) UNC Student Liaison Report

Many thanks to Matthew and best of luck in LA.

b) Chapel Hill Arts Commission

There will be a Juneteenth celebration. Planning is ongoing for future public arts in Chapel Hill.

c) UNC

The Community Art Reflection Project encourages residents in Orange County to express themselves regarding the events of the past year. The responses will become the foundation of a community art installation.

d) Hillsborough Arts Council

Katie met with the executive committee and is hopeful that difficulties between the council and OCAC have been resolved. Better communication going forward is in order.

e) The ArtsCenter

The center is looking for a new education director. The regular gallery season will begin in September. There will be more in person classes in the fall.

f) Carrboro Arts

Freight Train Blues went very well. Two internships will be funded this summer.

g) Visitor's Bureau

Occupancy is up and business is improving. The bureau is discussing 2nd Fridays.

h) OCAG

The tour is on for the fall.

8) Advocacy/Other Updates

a) Carrboro Music Festival

There is controversy because they are not paying their bands. The artists want to be paid.

b) Emilee will be leaving us at the end of July.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted, Delia Keefe, OCAC Secretary