

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

October 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Board Members present: Fred Joiner, Chair, Anita Mills, Vice-Chair, Delia Keefe, Secretary; Linda Williamson, Sean Bailey, Dan Mayer, Crystal Wu, Lindsay Metivier, Krista Bremer, Brad Porter, Hannah Fatool, Justin Haslett, Marlon Torres, Sarah Shore Board Members absent: John Bemis

Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director

- 1) Fred called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- 2) Linda moved to approve the September minutes.
Marlon seconded. The minutes were approved.
- 3) 2022 Board Officers discussion
We need to think of moving forward in 2022.
 - a) Fred Joiner, chair, has served the 2nd of 3 possible terms
 - b) Anita Mills, vice-chair, has served 1st of 3 possible terms
 - c) Delia Keefe, secretary, will have to rotate off in March as her term expires 3-31-22. We will need a new secretary.
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Eno Mill Update
Volunteers will be needed to man the doors for the Nov.5th First Friday at the Mill. The preview for Plein Air is also on Nov. 5th. A presentation will be made outside at 6:15pm.
 - i) Grand Opening discussion
The Grand Opening was very successful. A discussion of possible future improvements included improved lighting, more chairs, monitoring of capacity, improved parking direction, and cones marking handicapped parking.
 - ii) Coordination with Last Fridays/branding
Discussion included views on the pros and cons of coordinating mill openings with Last Fridays. Benefits of having mill openings on 1st Fridays included expected good attendance without the need to travel in order to attend events in two parts of town on the same evening. It was suggested that Last Fridays could

promote upcoming events at the mill and that Hillsborough is large enough to support two events per month. If we continue to hold openings on 1st Fridays, we need a name for the series.

b) 5th Annual Paint it Orange Plein Air Paint-out

This is coming along well.

c) Arts Educator grants

5 panelists are needed. We would like to approve these quickly.

5) Liaison reports

a) UNC Student Liaison Report

Mental health is prioritized on campus right now.

b) Chapel Hill Arts Commission

The town has wrapped up its community concerts. The commission is encouraging the town to reassess funding to maintain public art.

c) UNC

The Ackland has opened its new exhibit.

The UNC community is grieving.

d) Hillsborough Arts Council

e) The ArtsCenter

The gala raised over \$40,000. The ArtsCenter will exhibit art of the OCAG and Chatham County Artists this fall. Classes and afterschool programs are on site. Concerts are scheduled between now and the end of the year.

f) Carrboro Arts

The West End Poetry Festival is coming up this weekend. The new mural in Merritt Mill honors many black artists.

g) Visitors Bureau

Hotels are doing better. New businesses are opening on Franklin St.

h) OCAG

The tour is in one month. Social media blitzes are on Facebook, Instagram, and NPR.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Delia Keefe, OCAC Secretary