

Orange County Arts Commission

June 13, 2022 Minutes

Attendees: Fred Joiner, Chair, Linda Williamson, Sec, Mark Bettger, Krista Bremer, Hannah Fatool, Saba Jordan, Lindsay Metivier (phone), Marlon Torres, Crystal Wu, and Katie Murray

1) Meeting called to order by Fred Joiner at -6:35

2) Approval of April 2022 Board Minutes

Motion: Crystal and Second: Hannah

All approved.

3) Board member updates Katie Murray

a) Welcome Saba Jordan as our newest board member.

b) Reviewed new board member from UNC who will be replacing Hannah – Tori Danielik

c) Updated board regarding Orange County Visitor's Bureau board position – critical to have a representative from our board serving as a liaison.

4) Director's Report Katie Murray

- Staffing update – plan is to have Jen starting as full time in July. She will be serving in a much needed grants and Eno Mill operations role. Funds from the American Recovery bill, Big Night In, and other donations will cover the additional staffing costs.
- Eno Mill Update – first year operational, but lost 5 months due to Covid, upfitting, etc. Space is supposed to be self-sustaining. Orange County pays the rents initially, and then the Orange County Arts Alliance settles at end of the year. This first year will see about \$20K loss.
- Camps - started today. 1st one sold out. Next two didn't get enough enrollment so had to cancel. Experience to date has been harder to get middle school age enrollment. Younger children filling up more quickly. Discussion about how other arts camps are working and what kind of enrollments they are seeing. COVID issues still prevalent with teachers having to canceled, kids not wanting to wear masks, etc.
- July's show: Building Bridges – An Exhibition of Latin-American Artists in the Triangle. Invite list of 8 artist to participate in the show and an open call. For the opening – duo performing, food trucks.
- Eno Mill will have new art tenants (outside of our space/rent) – Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle will start renting a rehearsal space. Bull City

Music School is moving to a big space here to start a children's orchestra in the space not connected directly to the Mill.

- Volunteering – please sign up and help at an Eno Mill Art openings.
- UPROAR Festival – Also will need help for next summer's month long public arts festival. National Call, good prize money. Will need lots of volunteers to handle.
- ArtsDay Recap – Shout out to Lindsey for going with Katie to Arts Day. Good meeting with two of our representatives- Voushee and Allen Buansi

5) 2022-23 GAP/APG Grants Overview Katie Murray

Grants closed on Friday – 43 applications (still lower than pre-pandemic) only had 19 artist applications where we use to get 30. We still are way down for school applications from pre-pandemic time. Flip side is maybe we could fund better.

6) Liaison Reports

a) UNC Student Liaison - Hannah Fatool

-nothing from UNC at this time

b) Chapel Hill Arts Commission -no update

c) UNC Arts - Crystal Wu

-focusing on what their organizational structure will look like

-having budget discrepancies currently

-art events are going strong. Ackland has two shows closing

-PlayMaker's ticket for next season open - new approach with tickets

d) Hillsborough Arts Council -no update

e) The ArtsCenter - Mark Bettger

-Camps with 100s of kids

-New staff starting and a new Director has been hired

-New building still moving forwards. Special permit approved. Construction in August and hoping to be in by next spring. New building is an old UNC building which is being retrofitted.

f) Carrboro Arts -no update

g) Visitor's Bureau Katie Murray - no update

h) Orange County Artists Guild -no updates

7) Board member updates - Krista has stories coming out in *Our State* magazine

Fred Joiner adjourned meeting at _7:40pm