

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

February 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Board Members present: Fred Joiner, Chair, Delia Keefe, Secretary; Crystal Wu, Lindsay Metivier, Justin Haslett, Marlon Torres, John Bemis, Linda Williamson

Board Members absent: Anita Mills, Vice-Chair, Sarah Shore, Sean Bailey, Hannah Fatoool, Krista Bremer, Brad Porter

Staff Present: Katie Murray, Executive Director

- 1) Fred called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
- 2) Linda moved to approve the January minutes as amended. Crystal seconded. The minutes were approved.
- 3) Board member discussion
 - a) Katie would very much like to have representation from the ArtsCenter on the board. Justin made a motion to vote on the acceptance of the application of Mark Bettger, Deputy Director of the ArtsCenter, to the board. Marlon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. This is Position #4 for a partial term. This will go before the county commissioners.
 - b) Position #15 is a full term position beginning 4/1/22. This is in progress as Katie makes some connections.
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) State funding updates

Orange County will receive \$140,000 over the next two years. The county is required to sub-grant \$70,000 out to the community. The other \$70,000 could fund another full-time staff member. This position would focus on operations and grants management. The position would be community facing.
 - b) DEI program update

This program is on hold right now. This is the next priority after hiring another full-time staff person.
 - c) Eno Mill update

During November and December 65 people took classes. In October, November, and December there were \$10,000 in art sales. We will resume openings in March. We are looking for summer camp instructors. We are working with Title I schools for advance registration. The group show in April, Home, will include visual artists and writers. The show will address housing issues which is a very

relevant issue for artists.

Some projects are on hold until we have new staff hours.

d) OCAA update

Strategic planning is in progress. We need a bookkeeper with new consignment experience.

e) Big Night in 2022

We need help finding sponsors for this March 10th event. Please contact Katie before you approach any business in case we have already approached them.

5) Special presentation: Forthcoming public art festival

We need a new name rather than The Beacon for this festival. The festival will be delayed until July of 2023. It will take place in the downtown areas of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. This festival will provide free and accessible art and will generate foot traffic.

A stipend will be paid to all artists involved and public input will be prioritized in choosing winners. This community-wide event is in the early planning stages.

6) Liaison reports

a) UNC Student Liaison Update

b) Chapel Hill Arts Commission

The commission is looking for clarity from the town for funding for public art maintenance.

c) UNC

New at Playmakers is Yoga Play.

And there is a new exhibit at the Ackland – Peace, Power, and Prestige: Metal Arts in Africa.

There is an MLK lecture on February 26th.

d) Hillsborough Arts Council

The Handmade Market and Parade will take place on April 30th.

e) The ArtsCenter

f) Carrboro Arts

g) Visitors Bureau

It is important that the OCAC has representation on the Visitors Bureau. Let Katie know if you are interested

h) OCAG

Music reviewers are needed to assist the Durham Arts Council.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Delia Keefe, OCAC Secretary