

# ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

November 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

## Virtual Meeting - Zoom

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

- 1) Fred called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- 2) Justin moved to approve the October minutes.  
Crystal seconded. The minutes were approved.
- 3) 2022 Board Officers discussion
  - a) Chair: Fred Joiner, 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 possible terms
  - b) Vice-chair: Anita Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 possible terms
  - c) Secretary: Linda Williamson, 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 possible terms  
John moved to approve these appointments.  
Justin seconded. All were approved.
- 4) Director's Report:
  - a) Eno Mill Update
    - i) Monthly openings – volunteers needed.  
Volunteers are needed for monthly openings. The second opening went very well. Katie hopes that the board members will make their best effort to attend openings. It is very welcoming to have board members greeting people, mingling, and guiding visitors.
    - ii) Name for openings.  
We need to name the openings. The Hillsborough Arts Council does not want First Fridays at the Mill. Think about a name.
    - iii) Classes update  
We are slowly rolling out classes and workshops. We are looking for performance and literary arts instructors. Please connect Katie with recommendations. Pricing is high and is not accessible to many. We need to work this out.
  - b) Arts in Education Grants  
Grants are delayed. We are trying to work with the Carolina Theater. Details still need to be worked out.

Note – At this point in the meeting, Fred took the opportunity to

acknowledge Katie's tremendous success in opening the Mill.  
Katie is committed to making the space accessible to all.

5) Liaison reports

a) UNC Student Liaison Update

Student theater is back in full swing. Carolina Theater at the ArtsCenter is well attended. Dance and improv are doing well with good attendance and covid precautions.

b) Chapel Hill Arts Commission

The commission is fighting for the 10% dedication to the arts decreed by town ordinance in connection to the new multi-use building on Rosemary St.

c) UNC

Alison Friedman has been named director for Carolina Performing Arts and Arts Everywhere. Playmakers held its first show this weekend with extended invitations to many frontline workers.

d) Hillsborough Arts Council

The Solstice Lantern Walk on December 21<sup>st</sup> will be in person.  
The Handmade Parade will be held the last weekend in April.  
The first workshop for the parade will be held December 1 at the Mill.

e) The ArtsCenter

f) Carrboro Arts

g) Visitors Bureau

VRBO and Airbnb are doing well in the western part of the state.  
Hotels are not.

h) OCAG

The tour is back with good sales. December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for applications to the guild.

6) December holiday gathering

Possibility – outside at Anita's.

7) Board member updates

Paint it Orange. 54 participants. 85 pieces of art in the show.  
Median price about \$300.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Delia Keefe, OCAC Secretary