

## Orange County Arts Commission

April 10, 2023

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Josh Rosenstein, Saba Jordan, Linda Williamson, Sec, Krista Bremer, Crystal Wu, Vice Chair, Katie Murray, Sean Bailey, Denise Duffy

**Meeting Location:** Eno Mill Gallery

1. Call to Order at 6:42 by Crystal Wu, Vice Chair
2. Katie welcomed Denise Duffy as our new advisory board member.
3. Kirsta moved that February 2023 Board Minutes be approved, and Josh seconded. All approved.
4. Board updates Katie Murray
  - a. Updates
    - i. Orange County Board of Commissioners approved the approach of allowing up to two board members to reside outside of Orange County. Policy change will be on the May agenda for final approval.
    - ii. Jenny Schultz-Thomas – appointment should move forward after policy change
  - b. Board discussed Gideon Young application. Linda moved that Gideon’s application be accepted so Katie can present at the next OCBC meeting. Krista seconded and all approved.
5. Director’s Report Katie Murray
  - a. Volunteer sign-up sheet now electronic and was emailed to everyone.
  - b. New Advisory Board Member training will be scheduled for 1 hour before our May 2023 meeting (5:30pm at Peel). If you have never attended a board orientation please plan on attending.
  - c. Grants
    - i. ARPA Grant Money will be used for Countywide DEIA Program with Aisha Adams deadline to sign up is 4/20/2023. Katie encourages all of us to attend this 4-part training, if possible.
    - ii. Remaining funding will be used to support upcoming multicultural events already in process.
  - d. GAP/APG grant cycle- even though we will be working on the UPROAR festival at the same time, we will keep the same GAP/APG grant cycle. The grants open 5/1/2023 and close 6/1. Panels will be held at the end of July, with awards in August. At the meeting, we agreed that in person panels were better, but there would be an online option as well.
  - e. Regarding additional staffing, Katie reported that although she was directed to ask for the staffing needed, the request will not be included in the next budget year. Katie was told that additional staffing for the arts would not be granted without new revenue. However, the operations budget is based on the occupancy tax and not revenue.
    - i. Board and Katie discussed using some of the Grassroots money for administrative support. This use of funds is a typical approach in other counties,

but Orange has not used it. We discussed how operational support allows greater outreach for artist and we've had additional money available like ARPA.

1. Crystal made a motion to use Grass Roots Funding to fund a part time position in fiscal year 2024. Linda seconded and all approved.
  - f. Arts Educators Grants – review panel met and scored the applications. The top 4 applicants were presented at the meeting. Krista moved that we award 4 grants to the top four recipients. Denise seconded and all approved.
  - g. Arts Day – excellent event to get in front of NC legislators. Katie asked that if anyone can join her that day please do. The goal is to get back up to \$1/capita in arts funding.
  - h. Eno Mill Updates
    - i. We have 2 new tenants.
    - ii. Upcoming events include a Poetry Slam on April 19<sup>th</sup>; and a tentative Juneteenth celebration.
  - i. UPROAR Update -plans going well. Working on art & feasibility match up. We are \$17K away from our development goal. Please reach out to anyone that might be a sponsor.
6. Liaison Reports
- UNC Student Liaison Update – no update
  - Chapel Hill Cultural Arts Commission - no meeting since our last meeting. Josh reviewed primary areas the CHCAC are working on.
  - UNC – Crystal shared that they are only 2.5 weeks away from last day of classes. Arts Everywhere is coming up Friday and PlayMakers has their last show of the season up.
  - The ArtsCenter - no update
  - Carrboro Arts – no update
  - Visitor's Bureau – Katie reported there was nothing to share since last meeting.
  - Orange County Artists Guild – no update

6) Board member updates – board members shared updates with activities and events they are associated with.

Crystal ended meeting the meeting at 7:54pm