

Orange County Arts Commission

Minutes

April 12, 2010

Present: Lauri Alexander, Charles Hochman, Gordon Jameson, Robert Kintz, Bronwyn Merritt, Leah Rade

Absent: Nedra Bradsher, Wendy Gellert, Geoffrey Hathaway, Shannon Jackson, Mary Harley Kruter, Emily Lees

Staff: Martha Shannon

In the absence of a quorum, no action was taken at this meeting.

Gordon Jameson reported on the very successful opening of FRANK on Franklin. Approximately 800 people attended the grand opening reception, and many sales were made during the grand opening weekend.

Bronwyn Merritt reported on the possible re-development of the Yarnell Hoffer property in Chapel Hill to include artist studios, etc.

Staff reported on the following:

- District-wide judging for the Congressional High School Arts Competition will be at 3 pm on Thursday, April 22nd in the new Orange County West Campus building (Meeting Room 004)
- The name of volunteer applicant Jae Furman was submitted to the Clerk's office on March 9th to possibly fill out Rachel Lillis' term on the OCAC board.
- Jackie Helvey has agreed to be our volunteer presenter at the May 21st Artists' Salon on the importance of a web presence for artists ("Doing the Digital: Online Presence for Artists).
- Clerk to BOCC had asked our help locating artwork (preferably a fabric piece) on loan to the BOCC for their new meeting space. OCAG emailed a request to their membership. A few artists responded, among them Elaine O'Neil. Management then pulled OCAC staff off this project, and staff thanked Elaine O'Neil for her interest.
- Sculptor Wayne Trapp says that his sculpture for the new library in Hillsborough should be ready for installation by the end of May or early June, 2010.
- A photo of our public art dog sculptures "Sit" and "Stay" (in front of the Animal Services Center) was used on the cover of the "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Year Ended June 30, 2009" and distributed to the BOCC. This photo was selected by Clarence Grier, Orange County's new Financial Services Director. OCAC staff thanked him for using this photo.
- ARTS North Carolina has requested OCAC's endorsement of an arts credit requirement for high school graduation. Last year, this bill passed the Senate; now it must pass the

House to become NC law. The actual bill and the suggested endorsement were distributed to OCAC members.

- Five Orange County artists will be awarded 2010 Emerging Artists Grants at a reception on June 3rd at the Durham Arts Council. They are Maria Britton (painting/drawing), Edwin Gendron (film), Jennifer Madriaga (literature), Mario Marzan (installation), Doug Wilkerson (craft) and Rosemary Winn (photography).
- OCAC board member Alice Levinson has resigned (her term expired 3/31/10). Former board member Audra Marotta is moving back to Orange County and would like to be reappointed to the OCAC.
- A new outside agency performance agreement (for social service agencies) was approved by the BOCC at their 4/8/10 Budget Work Session. The new performance agreement (for arts agencies) will probably be very similar.
- Reduction in Force (RIF) is an agenda item for the BOCC's 4/20/10 agenda.
- "Board and Commissions – Procedures" is an item on the BOCC's 4/13/10 Work Session. This item indicates that their reorganization discussion will resume at their June 10, 2010 Work Session.