

Orange County Arts Commission

Board Meeting

August 10, 2009

Present: Wendy Gellert, Geoffrey Hathaway, Charles Hochman, Gordon Jameson, Robert Kintz, Emily Lees, Rachel Lillis

Absent: Lauri Alexander, Shannon Jackson, Alice Levinson, Mary Harley Kruter, Audra Marotta, Bronwyn Merritt, Leah Rade

Staff Present: Martha Shannon

There being no quorum present, the circulated minutes from the June meeting were not approved.

Vice-Chair Rachel Lillis began our informal discussion.

Director's Report - Updates from Martha Shannon:

The State Arts Council has approved grassroots funding in the amount of \$35,559. We had allocated approximately \$32,000, so we have about \$2,600 more.

What shall we do with our \$5,000 in the FY10 CIP? A current option is to consider Charles Pilkey's sculpture, submitted for the library, for possible installation elsewhere – maybe Riverwalk in Hillsborough. Perhaps we could partner with the Town of Hillsborough for matching funds to support the project.

We need to allocate these funds by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2010.

TIME Project needs \$1,500 - \$2,000 more from our County money. After budget cuts from the state, all we had left in Grassroots Program money was \$807. Originally we'd set aside \$1,000 for each park (\$2,000 total). We need to take action on this at our next meeting.

Geoff Hathaway raised his concern about insurance coverage to protect us during installations of County Public Art.

Rachel Lillis would like a more detailed estimate of the expenses for this project for our September, 2009 meeting.

Charles Hochman expressed concern that Cindy may have difficulty painting following her surgery and may not be able to complete the commission. Staff will follow up with Cindy to get a more detailed timeline on her availability for the fall of 2009 and the spring of 2010.

Ephesus Elementary School Request. - We granted them \$600 in our Spring, 2009 grant cycle for a performing group that has since cancelled their tour. Ephesus Elementary School would like to use the funds for other artists. No vote taken on the request due to lack of a quorum. However, it was the consensus of the members present that the school's request to change the use of funds was appropriate.

Orange County Library Public Art Project – Gordon Jameson reported that the vote on the project was tabled at the August 5th meeting of the Hillsborough Historic District Commission. The board would like to see a model of the project which would give them a better idea of the scale of the project. The sculpture model will be up for a period of weeks for comments. Martha will let us know when it is available for viewing. Their next meeting is September 2.

End of Report

Two Board issues we have to discuss.

We have a new applicant for our one Board vacancy. It was the consensus of the members present to suggest former OCAC member Nedra Bradsher to the BOCC to fill this current vacancy.

Nominations for Officers for 2009-2010 - Robert Kintz, Rachel Lillis and Gordon Jameson volunteered to serve as members of the Nominating Committee this year. Robert Kintz will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. All OCAC officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) need to be replaced – since all have served in their current offices for two consecutive years. Our By-Laws state that officers may serve only two consecutive 1-year terms in the same office.

Ad Hoc Committees

Rachel Lillis – working with Lauri Alexander on our business resource for artists. Requests have been made of 25 potential contributors. Seventeen have responded positively. We are waiting for submissions. Hope to have some of these by September meeting.

Gordon Jameson offered to contact a resource about copyright for the project.

The document will be available as a downloadable pdf document and viewable as an html document on the Arts Commission's website. It was suggested that we may consider publishing through lulu.com.

Announcements

Artists' Salon announcement card was distributed. Due to budget cuts, it was printed in-house this time (at considerable savings ☺). We will mail around 1500.

An announcement was made that Ed Camp is the new Executive Director of the Arts Center following Jon Wilner's resignation.

November's Artists' Salon is lined up. Dan Ellison of VLA would like to do another Salon. Maybe we could have him in spring of 2010.

Artists Co-op Gallery meetings are taking place to begin finalizing next steps. This project is on a very fast track in order to open in the Fall of 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Kintz