

## Orange County Arts Commission

### December 8, 2008 Minutes

Present: Alice Levinson, Lauri Alexander, Shannon Jackson, Wendy Gellert, Gordon Jameson, Leah Rade, Geoffrey Hathaway, Charles Hochman, Bronwyn Merritt, Robert Kintz

Absent: Mary Jane Nirdlinger, Mary Harley Kruter, Tyler Dockery, Tammy Lambert, Rachel Lillis

Staff Present: Martha Shannon

Chair Alice Levinson called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the November, 2008 minutes. Lauri Alexander moved approval and Wendy Gellert seconded.

Martha Shannon gave an update to the Director's Report. The next OCAC newsletter will be distributed as an insert in the Chapel Hill Herald on January 18, 2009. Senior Center Public Art Project – another (different) wall has opened up at the Senior Center portion of the Sportsplex. Installation will take place by Jan 29<sup>th</sup> (sometime between the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>). New Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair, Valerie Foushee and Vice Chair Mike Nelson. The BOCC now consists of 7 members instead of 5 (4 women and 3 men). At the BOCC meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, Jaki Shelton Green, Piedmont Poet Laureate read a poem for the occasion of the new commissioners being seated. The OCAC Executive Committee sent letters to both Mike Nelson and Valerie Foushee congratulating them on their new positions. The BOCC voted not to pursue the proposal of changing the application process for the Human Advisory Commission to include the OCAC. The BOCC would like for OCAC to bring forward a proposal for public art (percent for art). Need to talk to Jeffrey York. Total of \$41,239 grassroots money available for current FY. Money for Arts Economic Impact Study (based on 5% cut). Martha Shannon distributed possible ways to spend.

Women's Center considering the Trappings exhibit. Costs will split cost 2 or 3 ways, including the Public Art Office, Town of Chapel Hill and the OCAC. OCAC Executive Committee sent an email and a letter to Barry Jacobs asking for Liaison and we received a positive response.

Proposal for reception for Visitors Center: Staff will check to see if Visitors Center Board of Director's is interested.

Pam Pease was suggested to show her pop-up books as a part of program for the reception. Some local musicians/visual artists could be asked to showcase at the reception. We should make food donations to keep the costs down.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.