

**Minutes**  
**Orange County Arts Commission**  
**January 12, 2009**

**Attendees:** Wendy Gellert, Lauri Alexander, Tammy Lambert, Shannon Jackson, Rachel Lillis, Charles Hochman, Geoffrey Hathaway, Leah Rade, Bronwyn Merritt, Alice Levinson, Robert Kintz

**Absent:** Mary Harley Kruter, Tyler Dockery, Gordon Jameson, Mary Jane Nirdlinger

**Staff Present:** Martha Shannon

Alice Levinson called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Leah Rade moved approval of the December, 2008 Minutes; Geoffrey Hathaway seconded.

**Directors Report:**

Trappings Exhibit – Women’s Center and others do not have enough money for the exhibit. We will wait and try again next FY10. We will be handing out grant checks at the BOCC’s meeting on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> (not Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>) at the Central Orange Senior Center (adjoining the SportsPlex) in Hillsborough. At their Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, there will be a discussion on the CIP. It was removed from their December agenda for discussion at the January meeting. It may or may not be voted on at this point. Right now we have \$0 in the CIP for public art projects in FY10-FY11. At this point OCAC has not responded to this development. Anything that we want to do to communicate to the BOCC about this money – we need to do now. The EDC is going to move to the new building in May. Don’t know where or if Arts Commission will be moving. We should follow up on this at some point. Central Orange Senior Center public art installation will happen in late January. The dedication of the building begins at 10 am on Jan. 29. Dedication of Peg Gignoux’s public art project will be at 6 pm that day. Visitor’s Bureau Board will meet on Jan. 14 – so nothing to report at this meeting. BOCC’s retreat was held this past Saturday, January 10. Brad Broadwell said that BOCC came up with around 14 priority areas.

**CIP – Priority issue:**

Rachel Lillis crafted an email and flyer showing the BOCC what OCAC has done with the CIP money in the past and that none has been allocated for FY10-FY11. Rachel will email to BOCC Monday or Tuesday of next week (cc Laura Blackmon and Brad Broadwell). Wendy Gellert suggested that we put the flyer within the contents of the email because some may not open the PDF. Alice Levinson suggested that a hardcopy in color will be most effective. Wendy suggested a headline at the top RE: no recommended art funding for CIP (“\$0 funds????”)

We need member(s) to sign up to speak at January 22<sup>nd</sup> BOCC meeting RE: CIP issue - perhaps a member of the community as well.

**Budget Strategy:**

The budget office says that the next fiscal year will be brutal and that county departments need to cut their FY10 budgets by 5%-10%. BOCC received color coded (mandated items, etc.) draft of Funding Matrix at their retreat. This 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Funding Matrix does not list specific functions of Economic Development, Arts Commission, and Visitor’s Bureau. Martha Shannon will contact Budget Office RE: this omission.

**Percent for Art:**

The OCAC has had a draft Percent for Art resolution and ordinance for several years. Martha Shannon will send the draft to everyone. Alice Levinson charged the group to read the text and make edits. We could take this item to the BOCC on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at the earliest.

Prior to inclusion in the CIP, the OCAC would come to the BOCC directly (per project) and would get \$10,000 per project. Former County Manager added the "Public Art Reserve" line item in the CIP and originally included \$10,000/year. This amount was recommended for reduction by senior staff. Final amount ended up being \$5,000/year.

**Board Concerns/Additions/Old Business/New Business:**

Geoffrey Hathaway will contact Lori Taft to see if the T.I.M.E. project will be on the agenda of the next Orange County Parks & Recreation Dept. board meeting.

Geoffrey Hathaway made a motion to adjourn; Tammy Lambert seconded.