

# ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2010

**Board Members attending:** Nedra Bradsher, Wendy Gellert, Charles Hochman, Robert Kintz, Emily Lees, Alice Levinson, Bronwyn Merritt, Leah Rade

**Absent:** Lauri Alexander, Geoffrey Hathaway, Shannon Jackson, Gordon Jameson, Mary Harley Kruter, Rachel Lillis, Mike Nelson, BOCC Liaison

**Staff attending:** Martha Shannon

In the absence of a quorum, Robert Kintz, Chair, began the meeting at 6:05 pm with member introductions. Martha Shannon updated her report with the following:

Alice Levinson's artwork has been moved to the new Orange County Library building from its space in the former library building.

Martha raised the question of allocation of the CIP Fiscal Year 2010 funds which as yet are undesignated. Martha explained that OCAC risks losing these funds if they are not allocated prior to the end of June 2010.

There was discussion of allocating these funds toward purchase of the Waller/Foushee public art piece which was the original choice for the library site. Martha described the process involved in locating another site for this work. Approvals would need to be obtained from the BOCC. If the site chosen falls within the Hillsborough Historic District, it would also require approval of the Historic District Commission. A funding partner to match our CIP funds (\$5,000) would also need to be found to cover the \$10,000 commission.

Martha reported that there has been some interest in the back of the new Justice Facility as a possible public art site.

Extensive board discussion of this possibility followed. Robert Kintz will head an ad hoc committee to explore interest among the Orange County Commissioners, as well as possible sites and funding partners for acquiring the Waller/Foushee sculpture. Leah Rade, Nedra Bradsher, and Wendy Gellert will also serve on the committee.

As a quorum was obtained, Emily Lees moved to accept the minutes of 12/14/2009 meeting as written. Charles Hochman seconded the motion.

Robert Kintz reported that the OCAC request to be on the agenda of the 1/21/2010 BOCC meeting was pulled by the County Manager. A presentation to the Commissioners marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of OCAC was planned. Leah Rade reported on responses to her email to Commissioners requesting that OCAC be placed on the Commissioners 1/21/10 agenda. Board members are encouraged to contact the Commissioners RE: the January 21 agenda, and also to discuss the implications of the continuing hold on the awarding of the Fall 2009 arts grants.

There was extensive discussion of the current challenge to the granting process. Robert Kintz will initiate a meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the BOCC and the OCAC Executive Committee to discuss this further. Bronwyn Merritt will be in touch with Mike Nelson, BOCC Liaison to seek his assistance.

Robert Kintz noted that the Orange County Visitors Bureau will be collaborating with Chapel Hill Magazine on a feature focusing on local art.

Leah Rade made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Nedra Bradsher seconded the motion.

Alice Levinson, Secretary