

Orange County Arts Commission

Board Meeting

June 8, 2009

Attendees: Lauri Alexander, Wendy Gellert, Gordon Jameson, Robert Kintz, Emily Lees, Alice Levinson, Audra Marotta, Bronwyn Merritt, Leah Rade

Absent: Geoffrey Hathaway, Charles Hockman, Shannon Jackson, Mary Harley Kruter, Rachel Lillis

Staff Present: Martha Shannon

Chair Alice Levinson called the meeting to order. Robert Kintz moved approval of the May, 2009 Minutes; Emily Lees seconded.

Director's Report Updates from Martha Shannon: OCAC is on the BOCC's June 16th Consent Agenda for the Orange County Public Library public art proposal. The team of Michael Waller/Leah Foushee is the proposed finalist with Wayne Trapp as the second choice. Staff will meet with Stephanie Trueblood (Hillsborough Town Planner) who works with the Historic Hillsborough District Commission RE: a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work.

Martha sent a Managers Memo to update the BOCC of the T.I.M.E project.

OCAC received a request from the Orange County Library Exhibits for rotating exhibits program. They will have the same hanging system as the Chapel Hill Library. Martha requested a proposal, which to-date has not been submitted.

An Interim County Manager will be selected soon.

Alamance County and Johnston County will join Orange, Wake and Durham Counties for the next Piedmont Laureate program. The next Piedmont Laureate will be a novelist.

OCAC needs to suggest one new member to the BOCC. There have been no new applicants to select from. August is the earliest OCAC will be able to submit a name for consideration.

Martha informed the board of the untimely death of Jaki Shelton Green's daughter. The board will send a note of condolence.

Additional Items: Alice Levinson led the discussion regarding two meetings in the past month regarding the co-op. Thirty people attended the public information meeting on May 20th, with 60 people attending the second meeting, where Hand's Gallery Co-op members shared their experience. Dwight Bassett presided over the second meeting where people were asked to sign up indicating their interest in this long-term project. Roughly 15-20 people signed up to serve on the Steering Committee to explore the concept of the Co-op, create a business plan & marketing strategy. Sub-committees will form and begin meeting in the upcoming weeks.

Hearing no further business, the OCAC moved into a closed grant review session. The board adjourned at 9:00 pm.