

## Orange County Arts Commission

### Board Meeting

June 9, 2008

Present: Alice Levinson, Leah Rade, Charles Hochman, Tyler Dockery, Rachel Lillis, Robert Kintz, Tammy Lambert, Shannon Jackson, Gordon Jameson, Lauri Alexander

Absent: Wendy Gellert, Geoffrey Hathaway, Mary Harley Kruter, Mary Jane Nirdlinger, Bronwyn Merritt

Staff Attending: Martha Shannon

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alice Levinson. Tyler Dockery moved approval of the Minutes of the May 2008 meeting.

The County Manager has proposed to the Orange County Board of Commissioners to cut \$23,000 in county funds for grants (for the FY 09 budget). This will mean no money for local artists and Fall grants. This issue has been tabled for discussion at the June 17<sup>th</sup> budget work session at the Southern Human Services Center. The County Manager wants to cut what she considers nonessential programs.

The Executive Committee of the OCAC plans to meet with the new Director of the Economic Development Commission, Bradly Broadwell, for lunch on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Alice will draft an email to the BOCC and the County Manager outlining our role in the community and the good that our grant money provides (arts in education, etc). Once approved, this email will be signed by the Orange County Art Commission and sent to the BOCC and County Manager.

**Addition to the Director's report:** The Friends of the Library is interested in working with us on a public art project for the new public library in Hillsborough. The Summer-Fall 2008 newsletter will be distributed Sunday, July 20, 2008 in the Chapel Hill Herald. Wayne Trapp has been chosen as the sculptor for the Seymour Center public art project.

Barry Jacobs commented at a recent budget work session that Wayne Trapp was not an Orange County artist. The reality is that not many Orange County artists applied for this commission (\$10,000 budget) and there are not many "public artists" in Orange County. Also, Wayne Trapp is a well known artist and it could bring attention to Orange County.

Suggestion was made to look into getting a volunteer intern for translating the website to Spanish.

Upcoming OCAC - BOCC meeting dates/attendees:

June 12 – Levinson, Lambert

June 17 – Lillis, Merritt

June 24 – Wade, Alexander

The business meeting was adjourned by Alice Levinson when Gordon Jameson made a motion to begin the closed meeting to consider Spring 2008 grant requests. Tammy Lambert seconded this motion.