



## Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes

Date: **February 10, 2021**

Time: **6:00pm**

Location: **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Members Present: Misty Belser, Kelli Crispin, Justin Haslett, Daniel Mayer, Tiffany Palmer-Lytle, Jay Parker, Vicki Rovine

Members Absent: N/A

Liaisons: Jacquelyn Gist (Council), Charles Harrington (Staff)

Invitees: Seamus Bestwick, Shaundra Daily, Catherine Froelich, Bronwyn Merritt, Susan Brown (Chapel Hill Arts & Culture)

### AGENDA ITEMS

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
	Vicki Rovine called the meeting to order.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Introduction of New Members and Invitees</b>
	Prospective members Seamus Bestwick, Shaundra Daily, Catherine Froelich, and Bronwyn Merritt were introduced along with Susan Brown of the Town of Chapel Hill.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes - January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting</b>
	Jay Parker motioned to approve the minutes. Dan Mayer seconded. Motion carried.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Agenda Item Addition – The ArtsCenter Conditional Use Permit &amp; FY 2021-2022 Budget</b>
	The Committee voted on the addition of an update on The ArtsCenter Conditional Use Permit to the meeting agenda and discussion and approval of the budget request for FY 2021-2022. Kelli Crispin motioned to vote. Dan Mayer seconded. Items were added following the mural discussion.
<b>5.</b>	<b>New Mural Partnership Opportunity – Susan Brown, Director of Chapel Hill Public Library and Staff Liaison to the Chapel Hill Cultural Arts Commission</b>
	<p>Susan Brown provided information on a new mural collaboration opportunity that would honor local African American pioneers at 111. S. Merritt Mill Rd. The mural will be on a black-owned building housing two black-owned businesses.</p> <p>The partners on the project include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, the Orange County Arts Commission, the Town of Chapel Hill, and potentially the Town of Carrboro.</p>

	<p>Local artists with mural experience and work in the figurative style were pre-selected to submit renderings for consideration and a final selection will be made in March. Work would ideally occur beginning in March or April with a target completion date in late May or early June to allow for an official unveiling the weekend of Juneteenth.</p> <p>The total estimated project cost is \$10,600 with funding provided by each partner agency in amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 each. The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership is serving as the fiscal agent. Financial support is being requested from the Arts Committee.</p> <p>The Committee felt this was a worthy project. Discussion occurred about how the muralist and the mural subjects would be selected. Vicki Rovine inquired if a sign/plaque may be added to note the funding partners. Following the budget discussion, the Committee recommended providing financial support in the amount of \$2,000. Vicky Rovine motioned. Kelli Crispin seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>The ArtsCenter Conditional Use Permit Update</b>
	<p>Dan Mayer provided an update on The ArtsCenter’s new building project. The Conditional Use Permit is scheduled to go before the Town Council on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dan provided an architectural presentation, information on uses of the space, a project timeline, and background on The ArtsCenter. Dan also mentioned that there may be public art opportunities associated with the building in the future.</p> <p>Committee members were invited to attend the upcoming Town Council meeting or to contact members of the Town Council with comments or to provide support for the project.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>FY 2021-2022 Budget</b>
	<p>Charles Harrington provided an update on the budget for the next fiscal year. A continuation budget of \$21,000 was recommended for approval. Discussion occurred on how to find ways to more directly support artists. Some options included compensating artists associated with the apprenticeship program in addition to the student artists who receive a stipend. Dan Mayer suggested potentially supporting events such as the Freight Train Blues Concert Series if funding was needed. Misty Besler motioned to approve the \$21,000 recommendation. Jay Parker seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Art Apprenticeship Discussion Continued</b>
	<p>Due to time constraints, it was decided to discuss this further in March. A brief discussion occurred regarding outreach opportunities through the local NAACP, the Youth Council, and the Youth Advisory Board. Misty Besler inquired if schools could help. Charles Harrington will add this to the March meeting agenda.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other Business/Updates</b>
	N/A
<b>10.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	Misty Belser motioned to adjourn. Jay Parker seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.