

Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes

05/22/08

Time: 6:00pm Location Room. #1 Century Center

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Zach Ward (Chair)

Members Present: Jon Wilner (Arts Committee Seat), Mike Maher, Tom Hoban, Neal McTighe, Kim Andrews-Town Liaison, Jacquelyn Gist-Board Liaison

Absent: Sharmin Mirman, Jackie Helvey, Maggi Grace

Invitees: None

Call to order: 6:20pm

New Business:

Discuss a proposal by Jackie Helvey for a full-time Arts Coordinator for the 2008-2009 budget year. (Attached)

Zach Ward gave brief summary of Jackie Helvey proposal sent to Sarah Williams for placement on the agenda for the 05-27-08 Board of Alderman meeting. Zach stated that any proposal that includes the use of "Arts Committee" should be reviewed by the committee and voted on in a official meeting. However, Jackie Helvey is within her rights as a Carrboro citizen to make an individual request for the need of a full time arts person. The Carrboro arts committee at this time doesn't endorse this proposal.

Jacqui Gist updated to committee on the hard economic status of the 2008-2009 budget year. She gave examples such as the Carrboro police department has requested more officers than what will be funded. She also mentioned the future construction of the new fire station.

Zach asked Jacquie Gist what her recommendation would be for the upcoming 5-27-08 Board of Alderman meeting to show support for the arts, with the understanding that the Arts committee would not be requesting a full time position this year based on the budget concerns for the 2008-2009. Jacqui Gist suggested that Zach Ward and Mike Maher come speak at the next Board of Alderman meeting as individual arts business owners and express the positive economic impact that business such as theirs brings to the Town.

Tom Hoban presented a document titled: creating Carrboro's Economic Future
After discussion is was voted to include this in the 05-27-08 packet that will be going out to the Board of Alderman. The intent of including this document is to encourage the Board of Alderman to revisit this topic in a better economically situation.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50pm