



Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes

Date: **August 10, 2022**
 Time: **6:00pm**
 Location: **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Members Present: Misty Belser, Kelli Crispin, Catherine Froelich, Wendy Smith, Lindsey Womack

Members Absent: Seamus Bestwick, Shaundra Daily, Justin Haslett, Tiffany Palmer-Lytle, Tierney Sneeringer

Liaisons: Charles Harrington (Staff), Danny Nowell (Town Council - Absent)

Invitees:

AGENDA ITEMS	
1.	Call to Order
	Kelli Crispin called the meeting to order.
2.	New Members/Invitees
	No new members of invitees attended this month.
3.	Approval of Minutes - June 8, 2022 Meeting
	Kelli Crispin motioned to approve the minutes. Wendy Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4.	FY 2023 Event Funding Requests
	Three funding requests were reviewed and approved. The Carrboro Bazaar requested \$1,500 for their 3 Fall events. Misty Belser motioned to approve. Catherine Froelich seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Uproar (previously known as Art on the Hill/Beacon Festival) requested \$2,250 in support. Kelli Crispin motioned to approve. Misty Belser seconded. Motion approved unanimously. The third request was discussed under the next agenda item.
5.	Arts & Economic Prosperity Study 6
	Charles Harrington provided background on the study being coordinated with Orange County and Chapel Hill via Americans for the Arts. Volunteers are needed to help collect surveys at arts-related events led by the Town and local non-profit groups. To help facilitate the process and aggregate the data, Orange County will be coordinating the effort with support from the other organizations. To fund this effort, \$1,667 was proposed for each of Orange County, Hillsborough, and Carrboro to contribute. Chapel Hill will manage their own data collection. Misty Belser motioned to approve the allocation. Lindsey Womack seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6.	<p>Continuation of Discussion to Support Underrepresented Artists</p> <p>Discussion continued from previous month regarding ways to support underrepresented artists. Kelli Crispin indicated she had spoken again with Tiz Giordano and they had secured the help with grantwriting that they were seeking.</p> <p>Misty Belser spoke with Tiz about continuing to work on a scalable or graduated funding proposal for potential projects to bring back to the Arts Committee in the Fall. Some options included vouchers for supplies, entry fees for art shows, or other stipends.</p> <p>Focus for the time being will be on smaller proposals that may be more achievable through the Arts Committee budget, potentially reallocate some funding from the Summer Apprenticeship Program. Kelli Crispin will talk with Tiz about an update timeline for a proposal with a goal of October or November tentatively.</p>
7.	<p>Other Business/Updates</p> <p>Charles Harrington reminded members of the advisory board training video discussed at the last meeting for those who wish to watch it.</p> <p>Charles Harrington and Kelli Crispin provided an update on a conversation to how best inform committee members of art-related events in the area. There was discussion among members about creating a Google document or a Facebook group, but there was concern about who would maintain these assets. Harrington also encouraged members to use the Other Business/Updates portion of each meeting to share event information. Harrington will check with local arts partners about suggestions for good resources, such as the Orange County Arts Commission online calendar. Members were also encouraged to sign up for organization email distribution lists to stay informed regarding local arts opportunities.</p> <p>Charles Harrington provided an update on the Tarred Healing exhibit. The Town’s Art Curator measured town gallery spaces at the Century Center and Town Hall and also measured the space at The ArtsCenter and none are large enough to incorporate the entire show. Given the concerns about breaking up the event, there is not currently a space to house the show. The curator had inquired about the Town paying for printing of reduced-sized images that the artist would own, but money is not currently allocated for such expenditures and this would also set a precedent that the Town could likely not be able to honor for other exhibitions. It is possible that The 203 Project may be provide space to accommodate the exhibit so this could be revisited in the future.</p> <p>Wendy Smith shared updates from The ArtsCenter, including the hiring on new Executive Director Jenny Shultz-Thomas. There is a reception August 12th from 6:30pm-8:00pm for those who may be interested. Additionally, the Paperhand Puppet exhibit is now on display.</p> <p>Charles Harrington provided an update on the dates of the various Town festivals scheduled for this Fall.</p>
8.	<p>Adjournment</p>
	<p>Misty Belser motioned to adjourn and Catherine Froelich seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.</p>