



Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes

Date: **February 12th, 2020**
Time: **6:00pm**
Location: **Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St. – Room 109**

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Members Present: Misty Belser, Kelli Crispin, Daniel Mayer, Mary Norkus, Jay Parker

Members Absent: Jay Haslett, Patti Morefeld, Vickie Rovine

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

Invitees: Duncan Morgan (Absent), Meghan Truesdell Morgan (Absent), Katie Murray (Absent)

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Introduction of new staff and committee members

Annette Stone provided an update on the recent Town staff reorganization and introduced Charles Harrington as the new staff liaison to the committee. Stone shared the resignation of committee member Heather Lewis and stated she would inquire with the Town Clerk on the status of Patti Morefeld.

B. Consider minutes from September 11, 2019 meeting

Minutes were amended to add Kelli Crispin as present at the meeting. Dan Mayer motioned to approve the minutes. Jay Parker seconded. Motion carried.

C. Consider request for funding from Bazaar Craft Market

Duncan Morgan and Meghan Truesdell Morgan's request for funding for the 2020 Bazaar Craft Market was discussed. Dan Mayer pointed out that the money is used for marketing the event as opposed to being directly spent on art and shared information on similar events in the area. Kelli Crispin provided some perspective as an attendee. Discussion occurred about articulating how the committee wishes to spend its money in the future, but there was agreement to support the event again this year. Mayer motioned to approve the request for \$1,000. Jay Parker seconded. Motion carried.

D. Consider request for funding from Orange County Arts Commission

A request from Katie Murray of the Orange County Arts Commission for funding the Art on the Hill event was discussed. A written proposal was reviewed and Dan Mayer shared additional information on the event. The committee liked the idea of bringing together the arts communities of the northern and southern portions of the county, but would like to see a more inclusive name for the event. Jay Parker motioned to approve \$2,250 in funding with the understanding that Murray would be going to the Carrboro Tourism Development Authority to request the additional \$2,250. Misty Belser seconded. Motion carried.

E. **2020 Apprenticeship Program**

Annette Stone inquired if the committee would like to continue to support the program. Dan Mayer provided some history and recommended continuing to work on the program since it is unique to Carrboro. Staff will prepare the application and publicize the program through various media, as well as through the Carrboro Youth Council and the Youth Advisory Board.

F. **Review Mid-Year Budget**

This item was moved up and discussed prior to the funding requests (Items C & D). Annette Stone provided an update on spending for the current FY and anticipated needs for the upcoming FY since the Town is currently in the budgeting process. Stone provided clarification that any unspent funds from the current FY would not automatically be rolled over in the next FY. Discussion on the Public Art Fund seed money resulted in clarification being needed on how this money may be spent on how much would be available each FY. The committee and Jacquelyn Gist indicated they would like to see a Public Art Fund established. Staff will inquire about the specifics.

There was discussion about the direction of the committee with regards to projects. It was recommended that Jeff York be invited to the March meeting to discuss further the Public Art Plan and the possibility of creating an inventory of existing public art and to identify areas of opportunity for future installation of public art.

Dan Mayer motioned to recommend a budget of \$21,000 for FY 2020-2021, which is consistent with the amount appropriated for FY 2019-2020. Jay Parker seconded. Motion carried.

G. **Staff Updates**

Charles Harrington provided an update on the "My Son Matters" photography exhibit displaying in the Century Center for Black History Month. Information was shared on the upcoming 2nd Friday Art Walk (2/14) and a discussion with the artist on February 23rd. There was a brief discussion about the 2nd Friday Art Walk in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Harrington provided an update on the progress of the student-created murals for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The murals are progressing and nearing completion in advance of installation this Spring.

H. **Downtown Beautification**

Jacquelyn Gist requested that this item be added to the agenda. Dan Mayer motioned to add it to the meeting's agenda. Jay Parker seconded. Motion carried.

Gist provided background that there had been discussions with members of the Appearance Commission regarding improvements to the downtown area and that she recommended bringing together members of the Appearance Commission, the Arts Committee, and the Economic Sustainability Commission. It was noted the Town staff was working to set up a meeting to further discuss this initiative.

I. **Other Business**

Dan Mayer made a motion to thank Annette Stone for her service as liaison to the committee. Mary Norkus seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16pm