



## Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes

Date: **March 9, 2022**

Time: **6:00pm**

Location: **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Members Present: Misty Belser, Kelli Crispin, Justin Haslett, Catherine Froelich, Tiffany Palmer-Lytle, Vicki Rovine, Tierney Sneeringer

Members Absent: Seamus Bestwick, Shaundra Daily, Wendy Smith, Lindsey Womack

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

Invitees: Gideon Young

### AGENDA ITEMS

1.	<b>Call to Order</b>
	Kelli Crispin called the meeting to order.
2.	<b>New Members/Liaisons</b>
	Charles Harrington introduced Gideon Young of the Carrboro Poets Council.
3.	<b>Approval of Minutes - February 9, 2022 Meeting</b>
	Misty Belser motioned to approve the minutes. Justin Haslett seconded. Motion carried.
4.	<b>Poets Council Update and Review of Draft Poet Laureate Application</b>
	Gideon Young provided an update from the Carrboro Poets Council regarding the upcoming recruitment process for the Town's next Poet Laureate. The draft application was reviewed in preparation for posting within the next couple of months once a final timeline has been established. The Committee felt the proposed recruitment timeline with a deadline in April was too short of a window and also left too much time between the deadline and when the new Poet Laureate would assume the role. Some formatting changes were also suggested and it was agreed that reference letters should be accepted instead of making phone calls. Current Poet Laureate Fred Joiner will be asked if he is interested in continuing to serve through the end of 2022 with a new Poet Laureate hopefully being announced by the West End Poetry Festival in October and officially assuming the role in January 2023. The Poets Council will provide updates to the Arts Committee during the process.
5.	<b>Art on the Hill/Beacon Festival</b>
	Charles Harrington shared updates regarding the planning for the <i>to be named</i> event. Katie Murray with the Orange County Arts Commission has requested each town identify 20 sites in their respective downtown areas for possible art installations during the event. Some possibilities mentioned included Carrboro Town Commons, as well as any vacant lots and

	storefronts. The Committee has been asked to brainstorm and send along any ideas to C. Harrington as sites need to be decided by May 1 <sup>st</sup> for review as part of the NEA grant.
7.	<b>Other Business/Updates</b>
	<p>Charles Harrington shared information about the upcoming Big Night In for the arts on WRAL.</p> <p>Kelli Crispin provided an update from attending the Chapel Hill Arts Commission meeting. Kelli will attend the next CHAC meeting if it occurs on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If it is March 24<sup>th</sup>, Misty Belser indicated she could potentially represent the Arts Committee at the meeting.</p> <p>Justin Haslett provided an update on the liaison seat to the Chapel Hill Arts Commission. He provided a history of the seat and the relationship between the Committee/Commission and there was discussion as to whether or not a voting seat was desirable. The Arts Committee felt being present at the meetings was of more importance than an actual voting seat, but that they would be glad to serve in roles regarding art/artist selection as well. It was also determined that a tag team approach may be best, particularly with the 5:30pm start time for the CHAC meetings. Justin indicated he would take that information back to Chapel Hill to discuss further and report back.</p> <p>Charles Harrington shared that the Town Gallery Curator contract needed to be reviewed. It was decided to add this to the April meeting agenda.</p> <p>Tierney Sneeringer indicated that the potential mural briefly discussed at the last meeting was still in the conceptual phase. Charles Harrington mentioned the end of the fiscal year potentially coming into play and affecting expenditures, so it was agreed that a decision would be needed by sometime in April if it is to occur this school year/fiscal year.</p>
8.	<b>Adjournment</b>
	Justin Haslett motioned to adjourn. Tiffany Palmer-Lytle seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.