

DURHAM CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Hayti Heritage Center

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 3:15 pm.

CAB Members Present:

Margaret DeMott*

Daniel Ellison*

Frank Konhaus

Angela Lee

Cynthia Mebane-Watts

Chris Ogden*

Lou Rollins

Katie Spencer

**CAB and PAC member*

Guests Present:

Sherry Devries, Durham Arts Council

Shavon Jones

OEWD Staff Present:

Andre Pettigrew

Brian Smith

Dan opened the meeting at 3:21 pm.

The minutes from the May 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Topic 1: Dan introduced Andre Pettigrew, the new director for the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

Dan recommended that the group collectively score the capacity building grant applications. Brian confirmed that there were 5 complete applications submitted, and that the group could approve and fund all 5, if desired. After debate, the group decided to fund 3 of the 5 applicants. During the review, the group decided to make several changes to the application for the next round, including: adding the criteria questions by which applicants would be judged to the application; adding the arts representative who is to be trained to the application, but listing the applicant as the organization, not the trainee; adding the duration of the training, particularly for those who are not going

anywhere external; adding a bio of the person/team attending the training; listing the fiscal agent of the organization; and adding a training start and end date. The group also agreed that there should be a preliminary question that the selection committee can ask which addresses if the applicant meets the overall program guidelines. If so, the application can move forward towards scoring. The group also asked if the winning applicants would need to invoice the City for the grant funds, or if they would need to expend the funds and then request a reimbursement from the City: Brian will check and report back.

Topic 2: Chris gave the Public Art Committee update (full notes of the meeting will be available on the City's website). Summary: Durham County announced the winning artist team (the design collaborative Hinnant, Utley, and Wilson) who will install public art at the Durham County Judicial Building. The team proposes a sculpture with the theme of Taurus, with ties to the former hotel that was previously situated on the building site. Laura Smith and Lance Fontaine from Public Works presented the concept plan for the South Ellerbe Wetland Project (the old Duke Diet Center), which may have opportunities for public art on the site. The Fence opening ceremony is tentatively scheduled for August 18. The mayor will open the ceremony. Placemaking opportunities connected with The Fence include: tours of the Fence led during CenterFest; tours and/or photography classes with students from Durham Public Schools; connections with possible elderly groups (Ollie?); tie-ins with Third Friday festivities downtown; and possible lecture-type events with the event organizers. The rain location will be the lobby of City Hall. Sherry DeVries from Durham Arts Council presented the findings from the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 report with Americans for the Arts, which showed an increasing significance of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations on the economy of Durham, to the tune of \$154.2 million in economic activity annually.

Topic 3: Katie updated the group on the Museum of Durham History's ask of the city and county government for increased operational funding (to \$50,000 from the city and \$50,000 from the county annually). She reported that the City Council approved its request for the \$50,000 at its May 23 work session, and thanked the committee for its support.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.

The Next meeting will be held **Wednesday, July 19, 2017** at the Hayti Heritage Center at 3:15 pm.