

BACKGROUND

At their November meeting, the Chapel Hill Cultural Arts Commission voted unanimously to recommend to Council a change to their name, membership, and charge. Their interests in making this recommendation include:

- Clearly differentiating the group from Carrboro Arts Committee and Orange County Arts Commission and diminishing any confusion caused by similar names
- Aligning the group more closely with Community Arts & Culture, the Town division they are associated with
- “Right-sizing” the group and aligning them with most other Town Advisory Boards & Commissions
- Clearly framing the group’s charge as advisory to Council, and more clearly establishing them as part of the Town’s network of advisory boards & commissions
- Articulating specific duties of the group to better communicate/recruit potential members

On behalf of the Commission, I submit the following recommendations for Council review and approval:

RECOMMENDED NAME/MEMBERSHIP/CHARGE

NAME - Community Arts & Culture Advisory Board

MEMBERSHIP - Nine members

CHARGE - The Community Arts & Culture Advisory Board advocates for arts and culture in the public realm and advises Town Council on related matters. The Board encourages both the Town Council and the Community Arts & Culture Division to promote equity, engagement, and education in arts initiatives. The Board’s duties include making recommendations for the Town’s Percent for Art program, recommending distribution of funding to nonprofit arts and culture organizations, and serving on selection committees for arts projects and programs.

CURRENT NAME/MEMBERSHIP/CHARGE

NAME – Cultural Arts Commission

MEMBERSHIP – Eleven members

MISSION - The mission of the Chapel Hill Cultural Arts Commission is to enhance and enliven the community through public art. The CAC advises the Chapel Hill Town Council on art-related matters, works with Town staff to administer the Percent for Art program, increases public access to the arts through programming initiatives, and promotes public understanding and awareness of the arts.