

Agenda Abstract BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 14, 2025

Department: Planning and Economic Development

Agenda Section: Consent

Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Shannan Campbell, Planning and Economic Development Manager Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space and Sustainability Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Special Event Permit – UPROAR Festival of Public Art 2025

Attachments:

- 1. Special Event Permit
- 2. Certificate of Insurance
- 3. Event Memorandum between Hillsborough and Orange County governments

Summary:

In July/August of 2023, the first annual UPROAR Festival of Public Art was held. This event, a collaboration of Orange County, Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro governments and local organizations was put on by the Orange County Arts Commission and was a huge success for the county and artists that participated. The event is back for its second season and the Orange County Arts Commission, utilizing lessons learned from the first inaugural event, is asking that the municipalities sign a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the expectations for each municipality in participating in the event. The agreement explains the financial contribution expected (which is being provided by the Tourism Program in Hillsborough), and assistance that event organizers may need from the municipalities regarding temporary signage, and any emergency assistance in installing or removing art pieces.

Financial impacts:

Low; staff time and/or light equipment use may be requested.

Staff recommendation and comments:

Staff recommends approval. The event was successful last time and continues to grow and establish Hillsborough and Orange County as a community that cares about and supports the arts.

Action requested:

Approve, approve with conditions, or deny the special event permit and Memorandum of Understanding.