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TITLE:

Cultural Arts and Creativity District Planning Process Update

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a status update concerning the Cultural Arts and Creativity District planning process.

DEPARTMENT: Recreation & Parks, Planning and Community & Economic Development

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INFORMATION: The committee has been involved in gathering and sharing community feedback. Since the last update on 11/19/ 13, five community meetings have taken place, an artist survey, question/answer exchange on Engage Carrboro, a site visit to Reading, Pennsylvania, and the development of a project logo, website, Facebook page and creative business listing.

In June the committee received notification that the district project will not receive National Endowment for the Arts grant funding. Art Menius had an opportunity to speak to a NEA representative concerning the application. The comments are attached.

Also, Art Menius, the Executive Director of the ArtsCenter plans to retire the end of August. He served on the planning committee and because the ArtsCenter was designated the lead agency for this project, managed specific planning activities. During the transition, town staff and other steering committee members will assume the various roles.

The planning committee will continue moving forward with this project. Upcoming activities include community and professional design charrettes in October/November and working with a UNC Capstone Student Project Team to research various questions regarding a Carrboro Arts and Creativity District. The Board of Aldermen can expect a final committee report in 2015.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: In kind services currently include the ArtsCenter and Town support of \$10,624 Total cash available for project - \$51,300. Expenditures to date \$2,671.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends accepting status update.