

Arts Council of Alachua County

August 5, 2024

5:30 pm

County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1 Street, 2nd Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601

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Date: June 3, 2024
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chelsea Carnes, Queenchiku Ngozi, David Ruiz, Stephanie Silberman (Chair), Carol Velasques Richardson and Amy Koester (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: Lucia Curta and Christine Johnson

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Queenchiku Ngozi made a motion for Stephanie Silberman to serve as Chair; David Ruiz second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion for Amy Koester to serve as Vice Chair; David Ruiz second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

3. Approval of the Agenda

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Carol Velasques Richardson second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the April 12, 2024 minutes as presented; Chelsea Carnes second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Art Tag Grant Application Review

Thanks to County Grants Writer, Ashley Baird, we were awarded a \$30,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to re-grant through our Art Tag Grant program. Including the \$10,000 contribution from *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL*, and \$4,000 from Art Tag sales, we can award a record \$44,000.

The Council reviewed the revised application, which includes NEA required language. The application will be updated and posted to our website by the end

of the week so applications can be received through the July 31 deadline. Staff will advertise the grants on the County's social media sites, request an announcement during an upcoming Board meeting, issue a press release, share on our email distribution list, contact all cities and request they widely share and look into an add in the Main Street Daily News.

Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion that the maximum grant award for artists and arts group be \$3,000 and \$5,000 for cities; David Ruiz second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

6. Strategic Plan Update

The Council reviewed the Strategic Plan and recommended updating the document layout/formatting as well as some language and the budget. An updated version is planned to be presented at our next meeting.

7. 3rd Annual Artists Conference Debrief

The Council discussed the 3rd Annual Artists Conference including a review of evaluations received. They suggested increasing our marketing efforts and emailing a brief survey to those registered.

8. Call-to-Artist Update

8.1 Animal Shelter

A Call to Artists will be developed in the coming months, assuming the County and UF come to agreement on the property lease.

8.2 Armory

Renovations to the old Armory will commence soon, as this will be the location for the County's Emergency Operations Center. A Call to Artists, in the amount of \$75,060 will be developed once the desired art (i.e. sculpture, mural, stained glass, etc.) is identified.

8.3 Court Complex

Construction of the new Court Complex is anticipated to start by the end of this calendar year. A Call to Artists, in the amount of \$100,000 will be developed once the desired art (i.e. sculpture, mural, stained glass, etc.) is identified.

8.4 EPD Conservation Lands Building

A Call to Artists, in the amount of \$20,000 will be developed once the desired art (i.e. sculpture, mural, stained glass, etc.) is identified.

8.5 Fire Station 21 and 80 Bronze Sculptures

The Fire Station 80 sculpture is expected to be delivered at any time, and the Fire Station 21 sculpture is expected at the end of this calendar year.

8.6 Fire Training

A Call to Artists, in the amount of \$8,000 has been developed for a mural on the exterior west wall of the building. Fire staff are reviewing it now and staff will work with Procurement to advertise it. The Arts Council and Karem Scott-Kotb will serve as the evaluation committee.

8.7 Parking Garage

A Call to Artists, in the amount of \$100,000 will be developed once the desired art (i.e. sculpture, mural, stained glass, etc.) is identified.

8.8 Warehouse

A Call to Artists will be developed once the warehouse is purchased and the desired art (i.e. sculpture, mural, stained glass, etc.) is identified.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC ART CALL TO ARTISTS (CTA)

for a

**Sandhill Crane Outdoor Sculpture for the
Conservation Lands Building**



Submittal Deadline:

Any response received after the above submittal deadline will not be considered.

Alachua County Division of Purchasing, 3rd Floor
County Administration Building
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601-6983
Phone: 352.374.5202 or Fax: 352.491.4569

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Alachua County Procurement, 3rd Floor
County Administration Building
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, FL 32601-6983
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Purpose

The Alachua County Arts Council (“the Committee”) invites artists or artist teams to respond to this Call to Artists for a Sandhill Crane outdoor sculpture (preferably made from recycled materials) for the Conservation Lands building. The building construction is expected to be complete in late 2025 or early 2026.

Background

The mission of the County public arts program is to “enhance the quality of the visual environment in Alachua County, thereby adding to the quality of life and the level of citizen awareness of the importance of aesthetic experience in their everyday lives.”

The mission of Alachua County Conservation Lands is “To acquire, improve and manage environmentally significant lands that protect water resources, wildlife habitat, and natural areas suitable for resource-based recreation.”

The sandhill crane sculpture, preferably made from recycled materials, will be located on the existing public trailhead adjacent to the new Conservation Lands building. Photographs of similar trailhead parking lot locations for reference as to site conditions, kiosk/fencing style, and general appearance of county preserve trailheads are provided below. The art installation would be near the trailhead kiosk, outside of the fenced parking area. The project location is 8191 NW 43rd St, Gainesville , FL 32653.



Eligibility

This call is an open call to all artists who have prior experience with exterior sculptures.

Deadline

Submittals are due **Wednesday, xxx, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and may be mailed or hand delivered to Alachua County Administration Building, Procurement, 12 SE 1 Street, Third Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601-4569.**

Budget

The budget for this project is \$20,000, which includes, but is not limited to, artists fees, other consultants’ and subcontractors’ fees, insurance conforming to Alachua County Board of County Commissioners standards, engineering, materials fabrication, transportation, installation (including any site modification), and post-installation documentation.

Scope of Services / Project Details

The Evaluation Team will consist of interested stakeholders and the Alachua County Arts Council. This art work will be an exterior sculpture. It will be located at a public trailhead and, therefore, must be vandal and weather resistant, preferably made from recycled/repurposed materials.

Location

The Conservation Lands building and adjacent trailhead will be located at 8191 NW 43rd St, Gainesville , FL 32653.

Submittal/Proposal Requirement

Please review the score sheet prior to completing the proposal. All information must be provided in order to be considered a complete proposal.

1. A resume which includes your 1) name, address and contact information, 2) credentials, experience and awards 3) name/address and contact information of locations where prior work is on public display.
2. Between 5 and 10 digital photos of your existing outdoor sculpture you have created. The photos should be of the same sculpture, both close up and distant, showing details, height and scale of the work.
3. Name and contact information of three references who are prior clients - include the name of the project.

Selection Process

The Evaluation Team will review the submittals and recommend the top 2-3 artists to the Board of County Commissioners to be invited to develop a conceptual sketch of the sandhill crane sculpture. The selected artists will each be paid \$150 for their sketch. Sketches will be due within 30 calendar days of notification. The sketches will then be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for final selection of the artist who will be commissioned to complete the sculpture. The Commission may also choose to reject all submissions and re-advertise the Call to Artists.

Requirements and Criterion Evaluation Factors and Points

Quality of Resume	0-10 points
Artist is an Alachua County Resident	10 point bonus added to total
Likelihood that artist can successfully complete the art with the available funding. Have they finished past projects within budget?	0-15 points
Reference Check (case-by-case basis)	
Describe art installation and maintenance requirements for weather and vandalism.	0-15 points
Artistic quality of submitted materials	0-30 points
Creativity	0-15 points