

Arts Council of Alachua County
Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments Report: 2023

Chair: Chelsea Carnes

Board Liaison: Gina Peebles

Brief History of Board: The Arts Council of Alachua County was established by Ordinance 18-07 on February 13, 2018 and Resolution 18-17 on February 13, 2018.

Responsibilities and Duties:

1. Serve as a resource for local artists and art agencies, including all municipalities, throughout Alachua County.
2. Prepare applications for state and federal grants and re-grant eligible grants to local artists and local arts agencies.
3. Prepare applications for eligible state and federal grants to provide enhanced resources for local artists and local arts agencies.
4. Educate and advocate at the state and federal level on issues affecting the arts.
5. Promote and facilitate the inclusion of art into an established process that connects artists, partners and communities for the purpose of enhancing the vitality of the County.
6. Responsible for oversight, administration and promotion of Art Tag proceeds and Local Arts Agency dedicated funding.
7. Develop an inclusive strategic plan for county-wide arts and cultural assets that is reviewed and updated annually.
8. Report annually, or as necessary, to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners on the goals and accomplishments of the Advisory Committee.

Accomplishments:

- Held meetings on Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5, 2022 and Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, Jun. 5, Aug. 7, and Sep. 11.
- Completed the Call to Artists for our Fire Stations 21 and 80, the Court Services Building (on hold) and Pleasant Street Mosaic.
- Unveiled the West Lawn Sankofa in honor of Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn
- Held the Second Annual Artists Conference at Cuscowilla Nature & Retreat Center in May.
- Completed Art Tag Grant applications and awards.
- Provided input to *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL* for the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Study.
- Reviewed Jack Durrance Art loans from Drew Marotte, Tony Bevilacqua, and Patrice Boyes.

Goals:

- Unveil the results of the Arts & Economic Prosperity Study in partnership with *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL*
- Finalize the installation of the Fire Stations 21 and 80 sculptures and Pleasant Street Mosaic.
- Complete Call to Artist for the Armory.
- Finalize logistics for the Third Annual Artists Conference to provide education on a variety of topics for artists.

- Update the Art Tag Grant Resolution, Art Tag Grant Final Report, and Artist Conference Evaluation.