

Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: August 7, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members Present: Chelsea Carnes, Lucia Curta, Christine Johnson (alternate), Queenchiku Ngozi, David Ruiz, and Carol Velasques Richardson.

Members Absent: Corey Williams

Staff Present: Gina Peebles

2. Approval of the Agenda

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the June 5 minutes as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

4. Art Tag Grant Application Ranking

Fourteen art tag grant applications were received; six are eligible for the \$10,000 provided by *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County* and eight are eligible for the \$4,000 in art tag sales. We did not receive any city applications. Please email scores and your Conflict of Interest form to Gina Peebles by Aug. 31.

5. Hike & Draw - Pat Bartlett

Pat Barlett suggested a draw-in-the-park event for the Council's consideration. The consensus was to advise Ms. Barlett of our Art Tag Grant program and refer her to the City's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs on how to host an event in a City park.

6. Florida Association of Public Art Professionals 26th Annual Conference

Oaklianna Caraballo reported that the 2024 Artists Conference date conflicts with UF Commencement, so she suggested moving it up one week to last Friday in April. The Florida Association of Public Art Professionals (FAPAP) generally

offers a free day at the beginning of their conference; she will ask FAPAP if they would consider the free day on Friday in partnership with our Artists Conference. They may also consider their key note speaker on Friday so Artist Conference attendees can benefit from their session. The Council discussed logistics and the benefits of continuing discussions to see if we can work collaboratively together to enhance next year's Conference.

7. Call-to-Artist Update

7.1 Fire Station 21 and 80 Bronze Sculptures

"Bunker Gear" will be installed at Fire Station 21 and "Lady Firefighter" at Fire Station 80. The artist is advising staff on the thickness of the concrete slab as construction is underway for both stations.

7.2 West Lawn Sculpture

The West Lawn Sankofa unveiling was well attended.

7.3 Pleasant Space Call to Artists Review

Sarit Sela reported that the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency (GCRA) is considering funding up to \$15,000 for the State Attorney's Office mosaic. The Call to Artists was reviewed and the Council made suggested edits. The revised Call to Artists will be discussed at our September meeting.

8. Art Conference Ranking, Grants, and Grant Participants - Dr. Queenchiku Ngozi

Dr. Queenchiku Ngozi suggested our future conference evaluations be specific to the conference, not speakers, and that we provide a certificate or small gift to thank them for volunteering their time.

She also suggested that, in order to avoid conflicts of interest, current Arts Council members be ineligible to apply for Art Tag grants. Since this is not currently in the County Commission adopted Resolution, that change will require their approval. Queenchiku Ngozi made a motion to recommend the Art Tag Grant resolution be amended by the County Commission so that active members are ineligible to apply; Lucia Curta second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Finally, she suggested an Art Tag Grant Final Report template to standardize the information provided by grantees.

Staff will update the evaluation and Resolution and draft an Art Tag Grant final report template for review/discussion at our September meeting.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.