

## **Arts Council of Alachua County**

Date: June 5, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Peter Davis

Staff Present: Leira Cruz Caliz and Gina Peebles

### **2. Election of Chair**

Lucia Curta made a motion to elect Chelsea Carnes as Chair; Carol Velasques Richardson second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Corey Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Lucia Curta second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Lucia Curta made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Corey Williams second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **5. Spatially Fed Update - Harley O'Neill**

Harley O'Neill updated the Arts Council on Spatially-Fed (presentation attached). They are inspired by the new and emerging field of neuroaesthetics, which shows physical, scientific evidence that the arts engage the mind in novel ways, tap into our emotions in healthy ways and make us feel good.

### **6. Florida Association of Public Art Professionals 26th Annual Conference - Oaklianna Caraballo**

Oaklianna Caraballo is the President of the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals. They are preparing for their 25th anniversary and would like to work with the Arts Council to host their three-day conference in Alachua County

in 2024 with 60-80 anticipated participants. The \$200 conference fee includes lunch for three days.

**7. May 5, 2023 Artists Conference Debrief**

Gina Peebles presented the survey responses for the Artists Conference including suggestions on what went well and what needs improvement.

**8. Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Study Update**

We exceed our 800 survey goal by 161 surveys. We were 12 surveys short of our BIPOC goal.

**9. Call-to-Artist Update**

Leira Cruz-Caliz provided a demo of Open Gov as a possibility for future Call-to-Artist submittals and rankings.

**9.1 Court Services Building Mural**

This project was put on hold until further notice.

**9.2 Court Services Building Stained Glass**

This project was put on hold until further notice.

**9.3 Fire Station 21 and 80 Bronze Sculptures**

The County Commission selected Stephen Whyte as the artist for both bronze sculptures.

**9.4 West Lawn Sculpture**

The West Lawn Sankofa, in honor of the late Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn, will be unveiled on June 19 at 10 a.m.

**9.5 Sports Event Center Mural**

The mural "Let the Legend Live On" is complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Sports Event Center is scheduled for June 10 at 11:30 a.m.

**9.6 Sports Event Center Sculpture**

The sculpture will be located in the Celebration Pointe median.

**9.7 Sports Event Center Silhouettes**

The silhouettes have been installed.

**10. Art Tag Grant Application Review**

The consensus of the council was to update the grant application (page 8) to provide funding up to \$4,000 for Mini Grants without a tourism component and \$10,000 with a tourism component; awards would be capped at the amount(s) listed on page 1; require the Arts Council logo on printed materials; and strike "not have been a previous grant recipient."

**11. Public Comment**

Our July 3 meeting will be canceled in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.