

Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: October 2, 2023
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room
12 SE 1 Street, 2nd Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601

Members Present Christine Johnson, Queenchiku Ngozi, Carol Velasques Richardson, David Ruiz, Stephanie Silberman

Members Absent Lucia Curta

1. Call to Order

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

2. Election of Vice Chair

Dr. Queenchiku Ngozi made a motion to elect Carol Velasques Richardson as Vice Chair; David Ruiz second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Art Tag Sales Discussion

David Ruiz made several suggestions to increase art tag sales as this is the long-standing funding source for art tag grants. The consensus was to explore avenues to re-fresh the art tag license plate at the State level; ask Communications to refresh and re-post the Art Tag video on the County's social media sites; reach out to "The Greater Good" as a WUFT segment; and advertise a Call for Content wherein local artists submit their photos/videos for inclusion in marketing/promotional materials. This will be added to our next agenda for further discussion.

9. Call-to-Artist Update

9.2 Pleasant Space Mosaic

A contract is required between the City and County before the project can proceed. The City offered to take the lead on drafting the contract.

9.1 Fire Station 21 and 80 Bronze Sculptures

One sculpture is planned to be installed in early spring 2024 and the other by the end of 2024.

8. 2023 Annual Work Plan & Accomplishments Report Review

Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Work Plan & Accomplishments Report as revised; David Ruiz second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

7. 3rd Annual Artist Conference Discussion

A "Call for Presentations" will be advertised for 30 minute sessions.

7.1 Artist Conference Evaluation Form Review

Carol Velasques Richardson and Stephanie Silberman offered to share recent conference evaluations for review/discussion at our November 6 meeting.

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 September 11 minutes as presented; Stephanie Silberman second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

6. Art Tag Grant Final Report Review

The final report is primarily for the Arts Council to ensure grant requirements were fulfilled, and for transparency. Discussion ensued regarding photos/videos submitted being used for promotional/marketing purposes.

10. Public Comment

Oct. 2 @ 5:30 p.m. Heartwood Sound Stage panel on music entrepreneurship including a performance by "One Beat International."

Oct. 3 @ 6 p.m. How Bazar street party.

Oct. 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the US Navy Jazz Band will be performing on the grounds of the Historic Thomas Center.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.