

## Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: November 6, 2023  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1 Street, 2nd Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601

Members Present Lucia Curta, Christine Johnson, Queenchiku Ngozi, David Ruiz, Stephanie Silberman, Carol Velasques Richardson and Amy Koester

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

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

### 2. **Introduction of New Member - Amy Koester**

Amy Koester introduced herself and was welcomed to the Council.

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

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

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

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the October 2 minutes as presented; Stephanie Silberman second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### 5. **Art Loan Agreement - Valorie Campos**

The Art Loan Agreement for Valorie Campos is unique because she is an Alachua County artist who recently passed away. Her family wanted to honor her legacy by displaying her artwork through our Art Loan program. Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to recommend the County Commission approve the late Valerie Campos' artwork for our Art Loan program; David Ruiz second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### 6. **3rd Annual Artists Conference Discussion**

The consensus of the Council was to tailor the sample survey to our conference and to advertise the "Call for Presentations."

**7. Art Tag Sales and Final Report Discussion**

The Tax Collector's Office has posted a digital banner on their website and digital boards in their lobby's promoting art tag sales. They will also allow us to purchase t-shirts for their staff to wear and print rack cards for their branches.

The Greater Good, airing on WUFT, can create a six minute video for \$495. The consensus was to proceed with t-shirts, rack cards, and the Greater Good video.

The Council also discussed refreshing the Art tag. Several members offered to contact other Local Arts Agencies to see if there is interest in petitioning the Department of State for a redesign.

Additionally, the Council reviewed and approved the revised Final Report for Art Tag Grant recipients.

**8. Call-to-Artist Update**

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

The Fire Station 21 and 80 sculptures are being fabricated. One is expected to be installed in early 2024 and the second in late 2024.

**8.2 Pleasant Street Mosaic**

The City is drafting an agreement, which is required before the Call to Artists can be advertised.

**9. Public Comment**

*The Exchange* is a UF community engagement working group to discuss "shaping the future by examining the past" on Nov. 30 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cotton Club. A follow up event, *Elevate Community Engagement Summit* will be held at the Harn on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. with lunch included for all registrants.

The City of Gainesville's Holiday Parade is Dec. 2 at 12 noon (University Avenue from the Blount Center to the School Board). The 3rd annual Bo Diddley Dance Party (for kids) begins at 2 p.m. The tree lighting ceremony concludes the evening at 6 p.m. at the Historic Thomas Center.

The Downtown Arts Festival is on Nov. 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Alachua Children's Theater is presenting *A Seussified Christmas Carol!* during "Holiday Nights on Main Street" 6:30 - 7 p.m. Fridays December 1st, 8th, & 15th!

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. The Council will next meet on January 15.