

## Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: April 1, 2024  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1 Street, 2nd Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601

### 1. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Chelsea Carnes (Chair), Lucia Curta, Christine Johnson (arrived at 5:50 p.m.), Queenchiku Ngozi, Stephanie Silberman, and Carol Velasques Richardson (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: David Ruiz and Amy Koester

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Stephanie Silberman made a motion to approve the Mar. 4, 2024 minutes as presented; Lucia Curta second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### 4. 3rd Annual Artists Conference Discussion

We currently have 36 attendees including Arts Council members, speakers, and attendees. We still need two beverage break sponsors (\$150 each) if you know of an individual or organization who may be interested. The agenda will be updated to provide Chelsea Carnes 30 minutes to update users on grant opportunities.

### 5. National Endowment for the Arts and Florida's Division of Arts & Culture Grants Discussion

In order to apply for either grant, the Arts Council must develop programs such as a music festival or mural unveiling. The Arts Council discussed a number of ideas including updating the 352 Arts directory, co-sponsoring an event, developing a mobile historic mural wherein each community would add to the mural while its temporarily located in their city. The consensus was to develop

workshops within each city (known as an Arts Tune Up) to discuss their needs and provide information about available resources including art education, grant writing tips, and funding for public murals.

**6. Call-to-Artist Update**

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

There have been issues with the foundry, so the Fire Station 80 sculpture has been delayed. The Fire Station 21 sculpture is still on schedule and is expected to be delivered/installed by the end of the calendar year.

**6.2 Pleasant Street Mosaic**

This will be removed from the agenda until the City of Gainesville can come to a mutual resolution with the local artist and an agreement with our previously discussed terms is provided.

**7. Public Comment**

A Poe Springs Music Festival is scheduled on Saturday, Apr. 27 from noon until 5 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.