

Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: September 3, 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 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: Christine Johnson, Stephanie Silberman (Chair), Carol Velasques Richardson (Vice Chair) and Amy Koester

Members Absent: Chelsea Carnes, Lucia Curta, Queenchiku Ngozi, and David Ruiz

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Christine Johnson made a motion to approve the June 3 minutes as presented; Carol Velasques Richardson second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

4. Jack Durrance Art Loan Application - Laura Predny

Amy Koester made a motion to recommend Laura Predney's artwork for display in the Commission Chambers through the County's Art Loan Program; Christine Johnson second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Art Tag Grant Ranking

The scoring Arts Council members provided their ranking and discussed awards based on the requirements of the various funding sources. Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to recommend the attached funding awards to the Board of County Commissioners and National Endowment for the Arts; Christine Johnson; unanimous approval; motion carried.

6. 4th Annual Artists Conference Discussion

The consensus was to host the conference on Friday, April 25 at the Extension Auditorium, if available.

7. Strategic Plan Update

Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan as presented; Amy Koester seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

8. Call-to-Artist Update

8.1 Animal Shelter

The County is still working on the land lease with UF at their former swine facility to relocate our animal shelter. Once details are confirmed, the Call to Artists will be presented for review/approval.

8.2 Armory

The Armory project is still underway.

8.3 Court Complex

The Call to Artist was reviewed and will be updated to state, "The sculpture should not be a replica, but figurative, and should be an original, one-of-a-kind work of art."

8.4 EPD Conservation Lands Building

The Call to Artists was reviewed and approved. Procurement will advertise it.

8.5 Fire Station 21 and 80 Bronze Sculptures

The Fire Station 80 sculpture has been installed and the Fire Station 21 sculpture is expected later this year.

8.6 Fire Training

Leira Cruz Caliz reviewed the OpenGov scoring criteria with the evaluation team. Scores will be presented at our Oct. 7 Arts Council meeting.

8.7 Parking Garage

The new Court Complex parking garage is being designed. The Call to Artists will be shared with the Arts Council for review/approval prior to advertising.

8.8 Warehouse

The Warehouse purchase is on Tuesday's Commission agenda so the Call to Artists can be developed/approved in the coming months.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.