

Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: November 4, 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 5:36 p.m.

Members Present: Amy Koester (Vice Chair), Queenchiku Ngozi, David Ruiz, Stephanie Silberman (Chair), and Carol Velasques Richardson

Members Absent: Carl Davis (alternate) and Felicia Walton

2. Welcome & Introduction of New Members - Felicia Walton and Carl Davis

This item will be tabled until the December meeting as neither member was in attendance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to approve the October 7 minutes as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments

The Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments is required by Resolution to send to the County Commission each year. The attached is a synopsis of the work completed by the Arts Council over the past year and what we hope to accomplish this current year. The consensus was to add a Grants Workshop goal, delete "and Warehouse," and add to the next agenda for approval.

6. Public Art Workshop Discussion

At our October meeting, the Council discussed helping local Alachua County artists be more competitive by conducting Grant Workshops for artists and arts organizations on "how to tell their story" and "how to develop their budget." It

was discussed to ask Procurement to set up a Mock Call to Artists in OpenGov and invite conference attendees to bring their laptop and apply during the Workshop.

7. 4th Annual Artists Conference Discussion

The Extension Auditorium has been reserved for Friday, April 25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. It can be divided into three rooms, so concurrent sessions can be offered. The Call for Presentations will be updated to include check boxes for 30, 45, or 60 minute presentations as well as the County's bicentennial branding. The Sponsorship form will be updated as well.

8. Call-to-Artist Update

8.1 Animal Shelter

The Call to Artist will be developed once the department finalizes the desired art medium.

8.2 Armory

The Call to Artist will be developed once the department finalizes the desired art medium.

8.3 Court Complex

The Call to Artist has been advertised. Submittals are due Dec. 4.

8.4 EPD Conservation Lands Building

The Call to Artist should be advertised soon.

8.5 Fire Station 21 Bronze Sculpture

The dimensions for the pedestal base have been sent to the architect so it can be constructed.

8.6 Fire Training

The artists have been contacted and sketches will be shared with the County Commission for final selection at their December or January meeting.

8.7 Parking Garage

The architect will provide the location and optimal size for a mural(s), which will be used for the DRAFT Call to Artists once received.

8.8 Warehouse

This project doesn't meet the threshold for public art, so it will be removed from our agenda moving forward.

9. South Arts Grant Discussion

The consensus was to apply for a public art cell phone tour in partnership with Visit Gainesville, Alachua County. The project would include the creation and installation of signage in brail and multiple languages so those interested can call the number and hear about the artwork, artist, and interesting facts.

10. Public Comment

The Downtown Arts Festival is this weekend.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.