

Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: March 3, 2025
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: Christian Duran, Amy Koester (Vice Chair), David Morris, Queenchiku Ngozi, David Ruiz, and Carol Velasques Richardson

Members Absent: Stephanie Silberman (Chair) and Jacob Case

2. Introduction of New Member - Jacob Case

As Mr. Case was not in attendance, this item will be tabled until our next meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Court Complex Sculpture Ranking

We received 10 Court Complex sculpture submittals. Ranking members provided comments about the submittals. David Ruiz made a motion to recommend J. Garrett Gallery, DA Clark Sculpture LLC, and Daniel Borup Studio LLC as the top ranked submittals and invite them to provide a sketch for \$150, due in 30 days of notification; David Morris seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

6. 4th Annual Artists Conference Discussion

David Ruiz made a motion to accept the Spacially Fed proposal; David Morris seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

The attached DRAFT schedule was shared with all speakers. All have confirmed except Myqueal Lewis.

Visit Gainesville, Alachua County has again agreed to be our lunch sponsor. If you know of anyone who would like to be our breakfast sponsor, please encourage them to submit the Sponsorship Form on our website.

Mr. Ruiz suggested that we include in the post-conference survey a question regarding attendees preference for concurrent sessions and if they would attend if the conference was offered on the weekend.

For next year, it was suggested that our Call for Presentations specify that we are looking for a "hands-on" art project session and a facilitator to allow small groups to discuss various topics affecting local artists.

7. National Endowment for the Arts Discussion

Kim Mullins had the same score as C. Case, which was not noticed at our February meeting. However, we have since been notified that our National Endowment for the Arts grant was fully funded and all projects have been approved, so staff is in the process of issuing purchase orders so recipients can complete their projects/programs.

8. Call-to-Artist Update

8.1 Animal Shelter

None.

8.2 Armory

None.

8.3 EPD Conservation Lands Building

None.

8.4 Fire Station 21 Bronze Sculpture

The artist anticipates delivery/installation in May.

8.5 Fire Training

The artist will be on site next week to begin the mural.

8.6 Parking Garage

None.

8.7 Pleasant Street

Staff is working to develop an agreement with the City of Gainesville for this joint project.

8.8 Poet Laureate

The Call to Artists is expected to be advertised later this week or early next week.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.