

Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: December 9, 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 5:32 p.m.

Members Present: David Morris, Queenchiku Ngozi, David Ruiz, Stephanie Silberman (Chair)

Members Absent: Carl Davis, Amy Koester (Vice Chair), Amy Koester (Vice Chair), and Felicia Walton

2. **Welcome & Introduction of New Members - Carl Davis, Dave Morris, and Felicia Walton**

Dave Morris was welcomed and introduced himself.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Davis Ruiz made a motion to approve the Nov. 6 minutes as presented; Davis Morris second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. **Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments**

Queenchiku Ngozi made a motion to approve the Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments as presented; Davis Ruiz second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

6. **4th Annual Artists Conference Discussion**

Four presentation submittals have been received to date. The deadline is Jan. 31.

7. **Call-to-Artist Update**

7.1 Animal Shelter

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

7.2 Armory

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7.3 Court Complex

The Call to Artist has been advertised. The deadline was extended as we only received one submittal by the Dec. 4 deadline.

7.4 EPD Conservation Lands Building

The Call to Artist has been postponed as the project design hasn't been finalized, which may affect the budget.

7.5 Fire Station 21 Bronze Sculpture

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

7.6 Fire Training

The artists sketches will be shared with the County Commission for final selection at their January 14 meeting.

7.7 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.

7.8 Pleasant Street

The consensus from several months ago was to table this item until the dispute with the City and local artist was resolved. The City reached out to the artist months ago, but he never responded. The City has requested this project be reconsidered. The consensus was to proceed.

7.9 Poet Laureate

The Arts Council reviewed the prior Call to Artists and recommended several changes, which will be included for review at the February 3 meeting. It was also suggested that links for future Call to Artists be added to the Arts Council web page.

8. Public Comment

Mr. Morris asked if the Council has taken a position on Art and AI. Chair Silberman stated that our Artists Conference offered a session on this topic. The consensus was to discuss this further at our next meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.