

Arts Council of Alachua County

Date: April 3, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Chelsea Carnes, Lucia Curta, Christine Johnson (alternate), Queenchiku Ngozi, David Ruiz, Carol Velasques Richardson, and Corey Williams.

Members Absent: Peter Davis

Staff Present: Leira Cruz Caliz and Gina Peebles

2. Welcome & Introduction of New Member – Peter Davis and ChristineJohnson

Christine Johnson introduced herself.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to approve the March 6 minutes as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. May 5, 2023 Artists Conference Discussion

The Artist Conference is next month. Gina Peebles requested members to submit their registration form, if they haven't already done so. To date, we have 11 people registered. The Council agreed to cancel their May 1 meeting since the Artist Conference is later that same week.

6. Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Study Update

To date, we've received 597 surveys, 74.6% of our 800 survey goal. There are a few events scheduled in April and surveys are being collected.

7. Call-to-Artists Ranking

A total of 51 submittals were ranked. Chelsea Carnes made a motion to select Mauricio Ramirez, Koz Does, and Thomas Agran & Drew Etienne as the top three ranked artists for the Court Services Building mural; Lucia Curta second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Leira Cruz Caliz offered to provide a demo of Open Gov for future Call to Artists at our June meeting.

8. Call-to-Artist Update

8.1 Court Services Building Stained Glass

Sketches from two of the three top ranked artists have been received. Milligan Studio sent a sample of their proposal entitled "Justice" which was shared with the Council.

8.2 Fire Station 21 and 80 Bronze Sculptures

Sketches were requested from the top three ranked artists. Once received, they will be sent to the County Commission for consideration.

8.3 West Lawn Sculpture

The Sankofa sculpture has been to the foundry and building permits for the pedestal base are being pulled. We are still on target for a June 19th unveiling.

8.4 Sports Event Center Mural

The Sports Event Center mural artist is expected to be complete by Tuesday of next week.

8.5 Sports Event Center Sculpture

The Sports Event Center sculpture is expected to be complete in time for the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 10.

8.6 Sports Event Center Silhouettes

The Silhouettes are complete and will be delivered on Wednesday of this week. They will be glued to the exterior of the building so as not to void the warranty.

9. \$10,000 Regrant Opportunity from Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

Gina Peebles shared the current Arts, Nature, Culture (Destination Enhancement) rubric via email with the Council. The consensus was to apply this

funding toward our existing Art Tag grant since there are many quality applications that are not funded.

10. Local Support Grant – Dr. Queenchiku Ngozi

The consensus was to ask the county's grant writer to apply for a Local Support Grant from the State of Florida to create a hub for general program support, networking, Lunch n Learn, and events to support local artists/artist groups.

11. Public Comment

Corey Williams was recently awarded a Florida Alliance for Arts Education for community volunteer service.

Poetic Kilns will be held on April 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Cotton Club.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

12. Date/Time/Location of Next Meeting

The consensus of the Council was for our June 5 meeting to be at 6:30 p.m. and to cancel the July meeting.