

## Alachua County Arts Council

June 7, 2021

### **Members Present**

Chelsea Carnes\*  
Lucia Curta\*  
Iryna Kanishcheva - Vice-Chair\*  
Queenchiku Ngozi\*  
David Ruiz – Chair\*  
Carol Velasques Richardson\*

Alternate Vacancy

\*Virtual Attendee

### **Members Absent**

Sara Ann Bracero

### **Staff Present**

Gina Peebles  
Leira Cruz Caliz

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

The approval of the agenda and May 3, 2021 minutes were postponed to a future meeting as motions cannot be accepted during workshop meetings.

### **Welcome New Member – Lucia Curta**

New member, Lucia Curta, introduced herself.

### **City of High Springs Arts/Culture Update**

Damon Messina and David Sutton reported that the City of High Springs received a Children's Trust grant (in partnership with Good Art News) to provide a 6-week art camp for children; is working through their CRA to bring Art Walks and a Sculpture Walk to Downtown High Springs; and are exploring the purchase of the Priest Theater as a live theater performance venue.

### **Call-to-Artists Update**

*Extension Office* – The County Commission selected Stacey Breheny's mural and James Gabbert's sculpture for the Extension Office Call-to-Artists.

*Ag & Equestrian Center* – The County Commission selected Leslie Tharp and Sarah Hinds for the Ag & Equestrian Center sculpture.

*West Lawn* – The County Commission rejected all submissions and requested staff reach out to an anonymous donor who has offered to match the County's contribution (up to \$50,000) for a statue in the likeness of Dr. Martin Luther King. The Council requested the donor consider honoring other individuals as Dr. King is already honored at City Hall. Yvette Carter, Community Remembrance Project Committee representative, reported that their committee had a similar conversation at their last meeting. Gina Peebles offered to contact the donor to discuss this request.

The Council reviewed the DRAFT Call-to-Artists and discussed several clarifications to the scoring criteria.

**Mini, Major & Matching Grant Application Discussion**

The DRAFT Grant Application was reviewed and several changes were suggested including the addition of a program budget. It was also suggested that the Mini and Major grants be consolidated offering a \$1,000 maximum Mini grant award.

**Public Comment**

Gina Peebles reported that our July 5 meeting is scheduled on a County observed holiday. Therefore, our next meeting will be August 2.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on August 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room and via Zoom.