

Alachua County Arts Council

May 21, 2019

Members Present

Diane Dimperio – Vice Chair
Deborah Douglas
Jennifer Garrett
Tom McKercher
Queenchiku Ngozi
Judy Skinner
Carol Velasques Richardson - Chair

Members Absent

Staff Present

Gina Peebles

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction of New Members

Judy Skinner and Tom McKercher introduced themselves and were welcomed to the Council.

Approval of the Agenda

Deborah Douglas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Diane Dimperio seconded; unanimous approval.

Approval of the Minutes

Diane Dimperio made a motion to approve the April 15 minutes as presented; Deborah Douglas seconded; unanimous approval.

Election of Officers

Diane Dimperio made a motion to elect Carol Velasques Richardson as Chair and Diane Dimperio as Vice Chair; Judy Skinner seconded; unanimous approval.

Youth Poet Laureate Program Discussion

Carol Velasques Richardson recused herself as Stan Richardson is her husband. Deborah Douglas stated that the program would be advantageous bringing good exposure to the Arts Council.

Stan Richardson stated that his vision is to have a multi-county Youth Poet Laureate program beginning with Alachua and Columbia Counties. The Blue Foundation may have a grant that would be appropriate for the program, which Diane Dimperio is exploring.

MOTION: Judy Skinner made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the County sponsor the Youth Poet Laureate Program through *Art Speaks GNV* in accordance with Policy 16-31 by (1) providing use of the Jack Durrance Auditorium for programs (2) providing Arts Council judges and (3) assisting with publicity through the County's Communications Department; Jennifer Garrett seconded; unanimous approval.

2020-2021 Division of Cultural Affairs Grants (June 3 Deadline)

The consensus of the Council was not to apply this year due to the upcoming deadline. This will be placed on our April agenda to discuss the 2021-2022 grant cycle. Diane Dimperio suggested that Tourist Development Tax funded grants be explored as a match since the County is already supporting arts and culture programming through Destination Enhancement Grants. Judy Skinner suggested a Poetry Festival.

County Administration Building “Where Nature and Culture Meet” Mural on South Wall

Gina Peebles reported that the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a mural on the south wall of the County Administration Building with a theme of “Where Nature and Culture Meet.” A \$20,000 budget for this project has been requested in FY 21 (funding available Oct. 1, 2020). Tom McKercher will email his questions on the project to Gina Peebles who will email them to the Council for discussion at a future meeting.

Call to Artists: West Lawn Statue DRAFT Scope of Services

The Council tabled this item until the July 1 meeting.

Jack Durrance Art Submissions

The Council will recommend the artwork of *Jennifer Diaz, Christian Duran, Sylvia McIntyre-Crook, Chris Scott, Farol Tomson, Samm Wehman Epstein* and *Robin Wilkerson* to the Board of County Commissioners to be on display in the Jack Durrance Auditorium.

The Council requested *Robert Dornberg* self-curate to 10 pieces excluding *Margaritas, Table Drinks, Bar Line, Deck Pool* and *Patio Drinks*. The Arts Council will then re-evaluate his work at the July 1 meeting.

MOTION: Diane Dimperio made a motion to recommend the Commission approve contracts with *Jennifer Diaz, Christian Duran, Sylvia McIntyre-Crook, Chris Scott, Farol Tomson, Samm Wehman Epstein* and *Robin Wilkerson* and reject *Eboni Browning’s Exhibit F*; Deborah Douglas seconded; motion withdrawn. **MOTION:** Diane Dimperio made a motion to recommend the Commission approve contracts with *Jennifer Diaz, Christian Duran, Sylvia McIntyre-Crook, Chris Scott, Farol Tomson, Samm Wehman Epstein* and *Robin Wilkerson* and invite Ms. Browning to our July meeting and that she bring her work for the Council’s review; Deborah Douglas seconded; unanimous approval.

Other Business

Call to Artists: Poet Laureate Deadline – May 29.

Unveiling of Public Defenders Statue – June 19 at 10 a.m.

Call to Artists: Tax Collector’s Art Deadline – June 25.

Trashformations Judging – Nov. 22

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on July 1 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.