

Alachua County Arts Council

September 9, 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
Darryl Kite
Leira Cruz Caliz

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Deborah Douglas made a motion to approve the August 5 minutes as presented; Diane Dimperio seconded; unanimous approval.

Jack Durrance Art Submissions

Diane Dimperio made a motion to recommend the artwork of Tina Schneider to the Board of County Commissioners to be on display in the Jack Durrance Auditorium; Deborah Douglas seconded; unanimous approval.

Call to Artists: Tax Collector's Art Update

Leira Cruz Caliz provided the conflict of interest forms for the review team. The Evaluation Form and submittals will be uploaded to a share file with a link emailed to the review team. Completed evaluation forms must be brought to the Oct. 7 Arts Council meeting. Any score of a zero must be justified/explained.

Call to Artists: Poet Laureate

Darryl Kite reported that the submittals will be provided at the Oct. 7 Arts Council meeting with completed evaluation forms due at the Nov. 4 meeting. If Arts Council members know poetry experts who may be interested in volunteering on the team, please provide their contact information to Gina as soon as possible.

Strategic Plan

Artist Conference – The Council discussed submitting a Conference Grant through *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL* during their spring cycle. Desired seminars include: marketing, the business of being an artist, how to fund your project, and using social media. It was suggested that UF and Santa Fe be contacted since our budget for the conference is \$1,000. Judy Skinner will reach out to Marion County and Gina Peebles will reach out to Jacksonville for speaker/facilitator recommendations.

Art Tag Promotions – MOTION: Diane Dimperio made a motion to proceed with a shirt with the “I’m 4 Arts tag” logo; Tom McKercher seconded; unanimous approval. Ms. Dimperio requested how many shirts are needed, how much they cost, are Tax Collectors staff required to wear them and how much is received per license plate sold. Ms. Garrett suggested researching a Google Ad for art tag promotions.

MOTION: Tom McKercher made a motion to table the grants discussion until the October meeting; Judy Skinner second; unanimous approval

Other Business

Trashformations Judging – Nov. 22.

Call to Artists: West Lawn Statue – Nov. 4 submittals distributed for review.

Blue Grant for Youth Poet Laureate Program Update – no update.

Sculpture Walk - MOTION: Tom McKercher made a motion that the Arts Council evaluate whether or not to pursue a sculpture walk in Alachua County; Jennifer Garrett seconded; AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Tom McKercher made an amendment to the motion to table this topic until the October meeting; Jennifer Garrett seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on October 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.