

Alachua County Arts Council

October 7, 2019

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Staff Present

Gina Peebles
Darryl Kite
Mandy Mullins

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Judy Skinner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Tom McKercher seconded; unanimous approval.

Approval of the Minutes

Tom McKercher made a motion to approve the September 9 minutes as presented; Judy Skinner seconded; unanimous approval.

Election of Vice Chair

Jennifer Garrett made a motion to approve Judy Skinner as Vice Chair; Deborah Douglas seconded; unanimous approval.

Call to Artists: Tax Collector's Art Update

Darryl Kight provided instructions to the evaluators. **MOTION:** Judy Skinner made a motion to rank Jarod Charzewski #1; Gus and Lina Fine #2; and Beth Ravitz #3 and provide them in ranked order for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners; Jennifer Garret seconded; unanimous approval.

Call to Artists: Poet Laureate

Darryl Kight reported that nine Poet Laureate submittals were received. Carol Velasques Richardson recused herself as she would financially benefit if one of the submitters is selected. The conflict of interest form was submitted for the remaining evaluators. Ranking will occur at the November 4 Arts Council meeting.

Call to Artists: UF/IFAS Conference Center Stained Glass

MOTION: Judy Skinner made a motion to request the department consider other art work, in addition to stained glass, such as a sculpture; Tom McKercher seconded; unanimous approval. Tom McKercher requested copies of the plans for review.

Strategic Plan

Artist Conference – Queenchiku Ngozi offered to develop a layout for an Artists Conference and provide it to Gina for distribution prior to next month's meeting.

Grants – Carol Velasques Richardson would like to finalize our grant program by the end of the calendar year so the County Commission can approve it and interested applicants can apply. Queenchiku Ngozi suggested that the mini grants fund the best proposal and the major and cities grants be matching grants (which can include in-kind contributions). The Council will develop criteria, timeline, partnerships/collaborations, etc. at the November meeting. **MOTION:** Judy Skinner made a motion to come prepared to the November meeting with their ideas; Deborah Douglas: unanimous approval.

Art Tag Promotions – Judy Skinner offered to bring this up at tomorrow's mandatory Destination Enhancement Grant meeting sponsored by *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL*. Gina will explore developing a landing page for the Arts Council on the County's web page, and ask Communications to assist with the design of a mailer insert for tag renewals and to develop a promotional video for arts tag purchases.

Other Business

Trashformations Judging – Nov. 22.

Call to Artists: West Lawn Statue – Nov. 4 submittals distributed for review. To date, no submittals have been received. We may need to consider refining the scope or budget.

Blue Grant for Youth Poet Laureate Program Update – Staff was notified the grant was not funded.

Sculpture Walk – A subcommittee, consisting of Tom McKercher and Jennifer Garrett, will meet with Tourism Manager, Jessica Hurov and Gina Peebles to discuss a Sculpture Walk. **MOTION:** Tom McKercher made a motion to pursue a Sculpture Walk; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comment

Carol Velasques Richardson introduced David Ruiz who applied for our Arts Council vacancy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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