

Arts Council of Alachua County  
Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments Report: 2019

Chair: Carol Velasques Richardson

Board Liaison: Gina Peebles

Brief History of Board: The Arts Council of Alachua County was established by Ordinance 18-07 on February 13, 2018 and Resolution 18-17 on February 13, 2018.

Responsibilities and Duties:

1. Serve as a resource for local artists and art agencies, including all municipalities, throughout Alachua County.
2. Prepare applications for state and federal grants and re-grant eligible grants to local artists and local arts agencies.
3. Prepare applications for eligible state and federal grants to provide enhanced resources for local artists and local arts agencies.
4. Educate and advocate at the state and federal level on issues affecting the arts.
5. Promote and facilitate the inclusion of art into an established process that connects artists, partners and communities for the purpose of enhancing the vitality of the County.
6. Responsible for oversight, administration and promotion of Art Tag proceeds and Local Arts Agency dedicated funding.
7. Develop an inclusive strategic plan for county-wide arts and cultural assets that is reviewed and updated annually.
8. Report annually, or as necessary, to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners on the goals and accomplishments of the Advisory Committee.

Accomplishments:

- Held meetings on Nov. 19, 2018; Jan. 14, Feb. 18, Mar. 26, Apr. 15, May 21, Jul. 1, Aug. 5, and Sep. 9, 2019.
- Finalized the Jack Durrance Auditorium Art Loan process with three artists displaying their work Aug. – Oct., 2019.
- Unveiled *Lady Justice*, the Public Defender's Office art on Jun. 19.
- Finalized the Strategic Plan, which the Board of County Commissioners adopted on Jun. 25.
- Attended Arts and Culture Day in Tallahassee.

Goals:

- Develop an art tag promotional video and mailer.
- Finalize the selection and installation of Tax Collector's Art.
- Rank submittals for Poet Laureate and West Lawn Art for Commission final approval.
- Develop a public art brochure for self-guided walks, funded through *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL*
- Finalize mini and major grant applications.
- Coordinate a local artists conference to provide education on a variety of topics.

- Finalize the Call-to-Artists for the “Where Nature and Culture Meet” mural on the South Wall (\$20,000), Extension Auditorium (\$33,000), Extension Office (\$33,000) and Agriculture and Equestrian Center (\$34,000) projects.
- Provide an Arts Council judge for Trashformations.
- Provide in-kind support for the Youth Poet Laureate Program in partnership with *Art Speaks GNV*.
- Research and apply for State, local and federal grants for a variety of arts related purposes.