

## Alachua County Arts Council

January 6, 2020

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

David Ruiz

### **Staff Present**

Gina Peebles  
Josh Massre - Communications

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Judy Skinner made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Deborah Douglas seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Judy Skinner made a motion to approve the December 2 minutes as presented; Deborah Douglas seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Art Tag Video Presentation**

Josh Massre presented a 15 second art tag video which can immediately be posted on social media and will be sent to TV stations because they rarely receive 15 second spots, so it is likely to be used regularly. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the video with the addition of diversity.

### **Arts in Medicine Discussion**

Barbara Hoffman, Co-Founder of Healing Arts contacted the County to partner via the Arts Council; UF - division of Arts in Medicine; and medical practitioners to develop a program, which pays professional artists \$50 per hour to provide therapeutic art programs for patients, caregivers, and staff.

They would like to develop a collaborative relationship with the Arts Council of Alachua County, to assist in the recruitment of artists for the program in Alachua County. Barbara offered to send additional information, which will be provided to the Council upon receipt.

**MOTION:** Deborah Douglas made a motion to pursue working with Healing Arts by referring local artists to the program; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Sculpture Walk Discussion**

An inventory of publicly available art is being developed and can be made available in an electronic format, including highlighting in *Visit Gainesville's* weekly "What's Good" publication.

### **Artists Conference Discussion**

Gina Peebles reported that Kanapaha Botanical Gardens has been confirmed for Friday, Oct. 2. Please email Gina the name and contact information for potential speakers and session topics and they will be contacted to participate. A media advisory will be sent to announce the conference and request suggestions on topics and to solicit sponsors.

### **Call to Artists – South Wall Mural DRAFT**

The consensus of the Council was to include

- verbiage that “other mediums including mosaic, metal or paint will be considered;”
- the wall is textured; and
- a detailed photo

### **Other Business**

*Call to Artists: West Lawn Statue* – A budget amendment to provide \$40,000 for this project is on the Jan. 14 Board of County Commissioners.

*Meeting Time:* David Ruiz requested the Council consider changing our meeting time to start at 5:15 or 5:30 p.m. The consensus of the Council was to keep the start time at 4:30 p.m.

A number of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations are being held throughout the County.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on February 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.