

Alachua County Arts Council

February 3, 2020

Members Present

Jennifer Garrett
Tom McKercher
Queenchiku Ngozi
Carol Velasques Richardson – Chair
David Ruiz
Judy Skinner – Vice Chair

Members Absent

Deborah Douglas

Staff Present

Gina Peebles

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Judy Skinner made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval.

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: David Ruiz made a motion to approve the January 6 minutes as presented; Tom McKercher seconded; unanimous approval.

Artists Conference Discussion

The Council discussed the proposals received and sponsorship opportunities. The consensus was to add a \$1,500 Signature Sponsorship which includes \$1,000 benefits plus a link on the ACAC website. The cost to attend will be \$35 per person for a regular registration; \$20 for a student or senior registration; and 50/50 scholarships will be available.

Proposed sessions include:

- Opening Remarks by County Commission;
- Poetry Reading – E. Stanley Richardson;
- Representatives Eskamana and Guillermo-Smith to Discuss Advocacy and State Legislation;
- Representative Perry to Discuss Music in Education;
- Destination Enhancement Grants – Jessica Hurov;
- Mini and Major Grants – Gina Peebles;
- TBD - Jennifer Coolidge;
- Navigating the County's Call to Artists Process – TBD – Alachua County Procurement;
- Arts in Medicine - TBD;
- Gainesville Fine Arts Association - TBD;
- Community Foundation - TBD;
- UF Law and Entertainment - TBD;
- Performances - Music; Y-Not Theatrical Performance; Movement - TBD
- Harn and/or Santa Fe - TBD

- Plein Air art on display and for sale

Call to Artists Update

South Wall Mural – The Board of County Commissioners has offered the South Wall of the County Administration Building as a potential mural location to Shepard Fairey. Representatives will assess the feasibility of the wall for his work. If it is not selected, we will advertise a national Call to Artists.

Extension Auditorium Stained Glass – The deadline for submittals is March 4, which are anticipated to be distributed for scoring at our April meeting.

West Lawn Statue – The deadline for submittals is February 26. If Purchasing is able to process the submittals in time, they will be distributed at our March 2 meeting for the Arts Council to evaluate.

Other Business

Sculpture Walk – Information was emailed to the Council earlier on the City of Ocala's Sculpture Walk.

Poet Laureate – The Board of County Commissioners selected E. Stanley Richardson as our first Poet Laureate.

Dance Alive presented three performances at a dancer's conference in New York. "Love Land" is scheduled on Feb. 14 at the Phillips Center (tickets can be purchased for only \$10 by using the promo code: "Dance 2019"); a free performance is scheduled in March in the City of Alachua. The Champagne Gala and Dancing with the Stars is scheduled for Feb. 29 at the Reitz Union. "Lady Bug Action Hero" will be at the Phillips Center on Feb. 13 at 10 a.m.

Gina Peebles will explore the feasibility of an Artists Resource Page on the County's or *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL's* web page.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on March 2, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.