

## Alachua County Arts Council

August 3, 2020

### **Members Present**

Jessica Caldas – Alternate  
Jennifer Garrett  
Queenchiku Ngozi  
David Ruiz  
Carol Velasques Richardson – Chair

### **Members Absent**

### **Staff Present**

Darryl Kight  
Gina Peebles  
Leira Cruz Caliz

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** David Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** David Ruiz made a motion to approve the July 6 and 13 minutes as presented; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Election of Vice Chair**

**MOTION:** David Ruiz made a motion to appoint himself as Vice Chair; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval.

### **Future Call-to-Artist Scoring Discussion – Darryl Kight**

At our July meeting, the Arts Council requested the stained glass submittals be re-scored using a weighted score. The consensus of the Council was to use this method for our future Call to Artist and re-evaluate after.

### **Matching, Mini, and Major Grant Scoring**

**MOTION:** Queenchiku Ngozi made a motion to recommend Actors Warehouse, C. Carnes, W. Free and New Tech Now be awarded \$500 Mini grants each to the Board of County Commissioners; Jessica Caldas seconded; unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Queenchiku Ngozi made a motion to recommend P. Valcante, D. Velez Climent and T. Bailey be awarded \$2,333.33 each for Major grants to the Board of County Commissioners; there being no second; the motion died.

**MOTION:** Jessica Caldas made a motion to recommend P. Valcante, D. Velez Climent, T. Bailey and K. Robinson be awarded \$1,750 each for Major grants to the Board of County Commissioners; Jennifer Garrett seconded; unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Queenchiku Ngozi made a motion to recommend the cities of Alachua and Micanopy be awarded \$3,000 in Matching grants to the Board of County Commissioners; there being no second, the motion died.

**MOTION:** Jennifer Garrett made a motion to recommend the city of Alachua be awarded \$3,000 in Matching grants to the Board of County Commissioners; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Jessica Caldas recommended the Board of County Commissioners award the Star Center a \$1,750 Major grant utilizing un-allocated Matching grant funding; Jennifer Garrett seconded; unanimous approval.

#### **Artists Conference Discussion**

Gina Peebles emailed speakers and sponsors to advise them the conference was postponed. The Y-Not Theatre was informed of the new mid-level sponsorship and will confirm after their Board meets to discuss.

#### **Sculpture Walk Discussion**

Jennifer Garrett contacted Kanapaha Botanical Gardens regarding a Sculpture Walk. They have been approached by individual artists in the past and were expected to pay for the exhibit. We would need to coordinate installation and insurance, but would not expect them to pay fees for the art. The goal is to kick this off in 2022. Their emailed questions will be shared with the Arts Council upon receipt.

#### **Other Business**

*West Lawn Art* - The Board of County Commissioners voted (4:1) to advertise a contest to solicit ideas from the community for the West Lawn Art. The winner's submittal would be the inspiration for the Call to Artist. The winner would receive \$1,000, leaving \$39,000 for the chosen artist to fabricate and install the art. To date, we have received more than 55 submittals. Several submittals honor a specific person. As those as not eligible, they will not be forwarded to the Arts Council for evaluation.

*Tax Collector's Office Art* – The Tax Collector's Office art will be unveiled on Monday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. The naming contest will be launched at the unveiling ceremony. All Arts Council members are welcome to attend.

*September 7 Meeting* – The Sept. 7 Arts Council meeting falls on Labor Day. The consensus of the Council was to postpone the meeting until Monday, Sept. 14.

*Arts Council Vacancies* – We recently had two resignations and one member removed due to attendance. The Board of County Commissioners is expected to fill all vacancies at their Aug. 11 meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on September 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room or via Zoom.