

Alachua County Arts Council

May 3, 2021

Members Present

Chelsea Carnes
Iryna Kanishcheva - Vice-Chair
Queenchiku Ngozi
David Ruiz – Chair
Carol Velasques Richardson
Vacancy (2)
*Virtual Attendee

Members Absent

Sara Ann Bracero* (alternate)

Staff Present

Gina Peebles

Call to Order

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Election of the Chair

MOTION: Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to approve David Ruiz as Chair and Iryna Kanishcheva as Vice Chair; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Iryna Kanishcheva seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to approve the April 5, 2021 minutes as presented; Iryna Kanishcheva seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Jack Durrance Art Loan Application & Agreement

MOTION: Carol Velasques Richardson made a motion to recommend the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners approve the art loan application and agreement for Bob Dornberg; Queenchiku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Our Town Proposal – Paul Gabbard

Paul Gabbard communicated with Diedre Houchen, the County's Equity and Community Outreach Manager and Osubi Craig, UF – Center for Arts, Migration, and Entrepreneurship (CAME), who were both excited about this project and provided feedback. The National Endowments for the Arts (NEA) proposal should be released in the next two weeks. Carol Velasques Richardson stated that she was concerned about the County being financially responsible for the \$25,000 match, especially when the County offers Art Tag Mini and Major Grants and Destination Enhancement Grants. Queenchiku Ngozi found the DRAFT proposal unclear. The consensus of the Council was that once the guidelines are received, Mr. Gabbard obtain a letter of support from UF and the Chamber, and return to the Arts Council at our June 7 meeting with a further developed proposal for consideration.

Approve Letter of Support for Website Platform Development

Iryna Kanishcheva's website platform was awarded fourth place! **MOTION:** Chelsea Carnes made a motion to ratify the Letter of Support for Iryna Kanishcheva's Website Platform Development as signed by the former Chair; Queenchicku Ngozi seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

Review DRAFT Call-to-Artists

Gina Peebles reported that the Board of County Commissioners will consider awarding or rejecting the Call to Artists for the Extension Office, West Lawn and Agriculture & Equestrian Center on May 11. If they reject the submittals, staff would suggest that we work with Iryna Kanishcheva's website platform to develop the new Call to Artists for the Extension Office Mural project.

Public Comment

Dr. Sarah Szurek and LaTrina Massey, UF Health, are interested in integrating the arts into their work (working with cancer patients and cancer center researchers). They are looking for assistance to brand a logo for their software (PORTRAIT). They are also looking to co-design marketing materials with community members such as the Arts Council. The Council suggested a joint Call to Artists with UF providing the funding.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The Alachua County Arts Council will meet next on June 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room and via Zoom.