
Board Members Present: Jannet Walker Ford, Lisa Johnson, Ari Jolly, Kemal Gasper, David Faliszek, Kirsten Doolittle, Adriel Rocha, Sel Buyuksarac, Jeff Strohecker, Karen Feagins, Chris Lazzara

Board Members Absent: Ryan Ali, **Sandra?**

City Council Liaison Present: Michael Boylan

Legislative Liaison Absent: Audrey Gibson

Staff: Diana Donovan, Megan Reid, Amy Palmer, Jen Jones Murray

Guests Present: Bill Abare, Nan Kreamer, Rachel Sivaperagas

A. Call to Order

Jannet Walker Ford called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM with a quorum present and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2021 year. David Faliszek called role.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

Jannet Walker Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Lisa Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously. Chairwoman Walker Ford discussed the board appointments to the committees.

C. Review and Approval of FY 2019-2020 Audit

Bill Abare gave his overview report and reviewed the management letter. The board of directors discussed the recommendations and moving forward with best practices. Chairwoman Walker Ford and Bill Abare reviewed the segregation of duties as board members. Lisa Johnson announced implementing quarterly reports as a recommendation from the auditor. Lisa Johnson made a motion to approve the FY 2019 - 2020 Audit, Kemal Gasper seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Interim Executive Director Report

- Diana Donovan gave her report from her first few months as the interim executive director. She highlighted the processes in the finance department, transition, audit, and creating the budget. The committee discussed the updates.
- Diana Donovan introduced the Interim Public Art Director, Jen Jones Murraray. Mrs. Murray introduced the Art in Public Places Committee's recommendation for Bruce Park. The board discussed the project. Jannet Walker Ford made a motion to approve the Art in Public Places committee's recommendation for a budget of \$70,000 for new artwork in the Bruce Park area, Kirsten Doolittle seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

E. FY 2020 - 2021 Budget Approval

- Lisa Johnson gave an overview of the organization financials.
- Diana Donovan and Nan Kreamer reviewed the proposed FY 2020 - 2021 budget. The committee discussed the proposal. Diana Donovan reviewed development strategies. Jannet Walker Ford made a motion to approve the FY

2020 - 2021 budget, Lisa Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

F. Committee Reports

- *Executive:* Jannet Walker Ford discussed the committee assignments. She appointed Directors Lazzara, Gasper, Buyuksarac to the Finance Committee.
- *Governance:* Ari Jolly discussed the board retreat and welcomed the new board members. Ari Jolly made a motion to reappoint Kemal Gasper to the board, Lisa Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.
- *Search:* Lisa Johnson introduced the Search Committee and gave updates on the process, communications to the cultural service grantees, and next steps. The committee discussed communications.
- *Development:* Kemal Gasper discussed the Arts + campaign, board dues, and the upcoming Arts Awards. The committee discussed the development topics.
- *Finance:* Lisa Johnson made a motion to transition from EBS to Avenue CFO, Jannet Walker Ford seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously. Kirsten Doolittle reflected on the state of the organization when EBS came in and the current state of the organization.

G. Public Comment

No comment was made.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM.



Minutes
Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville
New Member Hybrid Meeting
Thursday, January 21st, 2021
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

Board Members Present: Adriel Rocha, Sel Buyuksarac, Jeff Strohecker

Staff: Diana Donovan, Megan Reid, Amy Palmer, Jen Jones Murray, Ellen Cottrill, Ashanta Williamson

Call to Order

The new board member meeting began at 4:10 PM.

Organization Overview

Amy Palmer, Director of Grants Administration, gave an overview of the non profit and Sunshine Law for the quasi-governmental organization.

Staff introduced themselves and gave an overview of their department.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.
