



**Cultural Council**  
OF GREATER JACKSONVILLE

*Enrich life in Northeast Florida by investing in Arts and Culture*

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 18, 2019**  
**Jacksonville City Hall**  
**117 W. Duval St., Jacksonville, FL 32202**  
**Don Davis Room**

**Board Members Present**

Ann Carey (Chair), Pamela Smith, Bill Ferry, Diana Donovan, Ryan Ali, JaMario Stills, and Kirsten Doolittle

**Board Members Absent**

Mac Bracewell, Charlie Joseph, Christopher Lazzara, Jackie Cornelius, Jannet Walker-Ford, Kemal Gasper, Anne Boccuzzi,

**Staff Present**

Joy Young), Cedric Lewis, Chelsey Cain, Amy Palmer, Ashley Wolfe, Glenn Weiss

**Call to Order**

Ms. Ann Carey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. without a quorum present.

**Recognition/Introductions**

Ms. Kirsten Doolittle was introduced and welcomed by Ms. Carey as the newest mayoral-appointee to the board of directors. She takes the place of Ms. Claudia Baker, who was thanked for her eight years of service on the board.

Mr. Glenn Weiss was introduced by Ms. Joy Young, Executive Director, as the newly-hired Director of the Public Art Program. Mr. Weiss spoke of his history and past experience in the public art field and creative sector.

Ms. Amy Palmer, Director of Grants Administration, was recognized by Ms. Young for her 17 years of service with the Cultural Council. Mr. Tony Allegretti, previous executive director, also spoke in appreciation of Ms. Palmer's service.

**Consent Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed; no additions or edits were requested. Due to a lack of a quorum, the vote on the consent agenda was tabled for a future meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Young discussed the common theme she is hearing from those in the community is that the Cultural Council can help them through advocacy. Ms. Young asked the board to engage the Duval delegation as while they are in session creating the annual budget - hopefully with increased funding for arts organizations. Advocacy ideas and plans were discussed by the board. In light of the legislature being in session to work out the state budget, staff will prepare talking points and provide delegate contact information to board members for expressing their support of increased state funding for the arts.

Ms. Young spoke about the new LEAP (Leading Extraordinary Arts Projects, Programming, Projects, etc) campaign that kicks off in September 4, 2019, marking September as the month to rally around the arts. Events start with State of the Arts (Sept 4), Public Art Tours (Sept 5), Arts Awareness Day (Sept 6), and culminating with the Arts Awards event (Sept 7). Information was shared about the Arts Awards committee structure and how the event is shaping up.

Discussion ensued around fundraising and resource development by the board being key to the success of the Cultural Council; the board's engagement and commitment is required.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Young made the decision to leave the logo as is (see the top of this page) as well as roll it out following the marketing campaign that accompanied the logo (but was never implemented). She explained how the symbol represents the four letters CCGJ.

### **Committees**

**Governance Committee** - Ms. Carey spoke on behalf of Ms. Jannet Walker-Ford, committee chair, updating the board on the tentative calendar for recruiting, approving, and onboarding new board members for the FY2019-20 year (approve in the August board meeting, onboard at retreat in October). JaMario Stills announced his decision to resign from the board as a fantastic opportunity will take him to the northeast in July. With term limits and known intentions of board members, there could be as many as ten seats available on the board in the next year. Discussion took place about the possibility of extending board member terms by another year or two, allowable under recently updated bylaws. Desired skills and profiles of potential board members was also discussed. The next Governance Committee meeting to organize the recruitment process is scheduled for 4/23/2019; all board members are welcome to attend.

### **Public Comment**

The floor was opened for public comment; no comments were made.

### **Closing**

Ms. Carey adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.