

## **Report to Nassau County on the Activities of Arts and Culture Nassau for the Period of December 13, 2017 to December 12, 2018**

### **Dear Michael Mullin:**

On behalf of Arts and Culture Nassau, thank you and your staff as well as the County Commissioners for your support over the past year. The mission of Arts and Culture Nassau is to promote the awareness, appreciation and interest in all types of arts and culture to the entire community within Nassau County as well as to facilitate cooperation and communication among all those involved in the arts and culture community.

Toward those ends, Arts and Culture Nassau (ACN) was involved in the following activities in the period from December 13, 2017 to December 12, 2018:

1. Met with Fernandina Beach's city manager to clarify the city public art policy;
2. Approved the installation of permanent public art at Egan's Creek Park in Fernandina Beach
3. Received seven grant applications for the new Youth Accelerator grant;
  - a. One was rejected because it was submitted after the due date
  - b. Six were forwarded to the County for selection of four grant awards
  - c. The county selected four grant recipients:
    - i. Amelia Community Theater
    - ii. Amelia Island Book Festival
    - iii. Arts Alive
    - iv. West Nassau Historical Society
  - d. Amelia Island Book Festival eventually forfeited their grant because the school district funded the transportation costs which had been applied for in the grant
4. Met with Fernandina Beach's city manager to discuss the fee portion of the city ordinance;
5. Developed and distributed an updated brochure;
6. Held a community forum at the Peck Center on October 6, 2018 which included presentations by the grant recipients on the use of the grant money. Fourteen agencies were in attendance and 50 people attended the event.
7. Created a budget for fiscal year starting 10/1/18 (attached).
8. An article was published in local papers explaining the Arts Alive license plate funds.
9. Grant application forms for 2019 were updated to include an expectation of participation in the community forum.
10. Met with Hilary Crawford of the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to discuss available grants for the Nassau County area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marge Powell, Chair  
Arts and Culture Nassau