



November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, at 5:30 PM at Brooksville City Hall
201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34601

- A. Call to Order (Pedram Moghaddam): Pedram called the meeting to order at 5:32
 - 1. Pledge to the Flag
 - 2. Roll call and establish a quorum: In Joan's absence, Cheryl called the roll. Pedram Moghaddam, Cheryl Hill, Cindy Mahon Gandy, Nidia Pierre, Nina Mattei, Ron Coles and Deanna Passarelli were in attendance. Diane Greenwell, Dakota Horton, Joan LoBianco and Lisa Council were excused. Roxanne Campbell was absent
 - 3. Introduction of guests – Four members of the Nature Coast Art League were in attendance

- B. Approval of Minutes (Joan LoBianco)
 - 1. Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes and Attendance Sheet: Nina moved approval of the October 2025 meeting minutes. Nidia seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- C. Financial Matters (Cheryl Hill)
 - 1. Treasurer's Report: Cheryl presented the treasurer's report for November.

- D. Action Items
 - 1. Nomination of Officers (Pedram Moghaddam): Pedram reminded the Council that we will be electing officers next month. The following expressed potential interest in serving next year: Pedram, Chair; Lisa, Vice Chair; Joan, Secretary; Cheryl, Treasurer
 - 2. Approval of 2026 Community Arts Grants (Cheryl Hill): Cheryl said the Community Arts Grants budget for 2026 is \$9,000. Grants can be awarded up to \$1,000 each. The CAG team (Cheryl, Pedram and Lisa) reviewed the 11 grant applications that were received. One applicant is not a non-profit, so that application wasn't ranked. The remaining 10 grant requests totaled \$10,000. She said the CAG team recommends approval of the six top-scoring Community Arts Grants projects at \$1,000 each, for a total of \$6,000. Nina moved approving the top six applications for funding. Motion was seconded by Ron and unanimously approved.
 - 3. Nature Coast Art League Project Proposal (Cheryl Hill) – Cheryl introduced Ed Barker with the Nature Coast Art League (NCAL) and told the Council that Ed thought he submitted a CAG application for a plein aire painting contest, similar to last year's project, but it was never submitted. She told the Council that since the application was not submitted on time, it couldn't be considered with the other CAGs, but NCAL could attend the meeting to request funding for their project. Ed said the project is the same project as this year's highly successful painting competition. In response to Nina's question, Ed said they raised \$1,003. Profits from the event are used to fund a \$1,000 scholarship for a local art student. After discussion, Cheryl moved to request NCAL to submit a project proposal and budget by November 28, which will be on next month's agenda. The motion was seconded by Ron and unanimously approved.

- E. Volunteer Log Updates (Nina Mattei)
 - 1. Next quarterly Volunteer Log Review in October – Pedram stressed the importance of members logging their volunteer hours. This information is used when applying for grants. Link - <https://forms.gle/enyvQGEuK3nanLSCA>

2. Upcoming Volunteer Requests
 - a. Hernando Beach Front Porch Art Walk (Diane Greenwell)
 - b. WWJB third Monday every month (Pedram Moghaddam) – Pedram requested anyone interested in participating with him, to let him know.
 - i. November 17 - unassigned
- F. Work Plans: Status Update & Discussion
 1. Art in the Park
 - a. Nina reached out to the Sheriff's Office for parking volunteers. She said she's hopeful that the Explorers will be available as well, since Swampfest won't be the same weekend.
 - b. Nidia said she is receiving applications for Children's Area
 2. Community Outreach & Advocacy (Diane Greenwell)
 3. Arts in Education (Nidia Pierre)
 - a. Nidia said she hasn't heard from the Education Foundation on the status of the grants.
 4. Community Arts Grants (Cheryl Hill)
 5. Fundraising (Lisa Hannon)
- G. Guest Comments
- H. Member Comments
 1. Pedram said Paws and Claus will be held at St Joan of Arc Church from 10-3 on November 29 & 30.
 2. Nidia said the library reached out for summer classes again, and if we need help, she has time on Fridays.
 3. Ron wants to keep speaking with the county about flexible work space. Pedram will work with Ron on this.
- I. Dates to Remember: Pedram reminded everyone of the following dates to remember:
 1. Volunteer Log, Work Plan Updates Agenda Items due Nov 28, 2025
 2. Front Porch Art Walk – December 6, 2025, from 10 AM - 2 PM on Shoal Line Blvd
 3. Panera Fundraiser – Nov 20, 2025
 4. Next Monthly Meeting – December 11, 2025, at 5:30 PM, at City Hall (201 Howell Ave.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM