



February 2026 Meeting Minutes
at 5:30 PM at Brooksville City Hall
201 Howell Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

A. Call to Order (Lisa Council called the meeting to order at 5:32)

1. Pledge to the Flag
2. Roll call and establish a quorum. The following members were present: Cheryl Hill, Joan LoBianco, Lisa Council, Nina Mattei, Deanna Passarelli, Nidia Pierre, Ron Coles, Cindy Gandy, Roxanne Campbell, and Jan Howser. Diane Greenwell was present via the phone. Pedram Moghaddam was excused
3. Ezekiel Merino and Louis Hallal were guests.

B. Approval of Minutes (Joan LoBianco)

Approval of January 2026 meeting minutes. Cheryl made a motion to approve the January 2026 minutes. Cindy 2nd the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

C. Financial Matters (Cheryl Hill)

1. (Treasurers report) Cheryl shared AITP budget and stressed that we are doing well with sponsorships coming in, despite the budget cuts we have made, the council is in a good position financially to meet the AITP budget. She shared the names of some sponsors, indicated that advertising costs would be kept at \$3500 (the amount of the Tourism Grant). She indicated that the amount for the rental of golf carts would have to be raised as we had not budgeted enough. She will ask April Johnson to reach out to Maryanne Johnson again to see if she would bring her cart like she did last year to help balance this cost
2. Lisa stressed the importance of us all using social media to advertise about the event To help with advertising of the Art in the Park event.

D. Action Items

1. Oath of Office-Jan Howser, new member was sworn in and introduced herself.
2. Community Arts grant-Cheryl shared that 2 CAG grantees Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Coastal Hernando Business group were not able to get their application in by the Jan 20th deadline so she was seeking approval from the council to extend the deadline for them. She made a motion to approve this extension. The council approved the motion.
3. Arts in Education Grants (Nidia Pierce) shared about the 3 applications for arts in education grant from 2 teachers at Weeki Wachee High School, and one from Chocachatti Elementary. A motion was made to approve our contribution of \$250 for each teacher. The council approved the motion. Nidia also shared about the Valentine art event at the West Hernando Library branch.
4. Reminder of the cancelled Art Council meeting on March 12th 2026
5. Lisa shared that Ezekiel Merino would volunteer his photography in exchange for a booth,

but he shared that he would need to collect \$400 to pay the person who edits the video for him. Deanna made a motion to approve the payment of \$400 to Ezeikel Photography.

Nidia

Pierre 2nd the motion. The council approved.

D. Volunteer Log updates (Nina Mattei)

1. Quarterly review for volunteer log updates are due in April. A Link was shared.
2. Upcoming volunteer requests: FPAW: March 7th Volunteers are always needed.
3. WWJB is on the third Monday every month. February 16th 2026. Pedram will be on radio discussing Art in the Park
4. Art in the Park- Volunteers are needed for as many hours as they can at the event as possible between Friday and Sunday (March 13-15).
5. Joan and Diane shared that we need volunteers for the Student Congressional Art Show on April 8th in Lakeland Florida. We shared about seeking a grant donation from the Nature Coast Art league for the student winner to cover their travel expenses to Washington D.C.

F. Work Plans: Status Update & Discussion

1. Art in the Park-Lisa shared about the need of council members to share the AITP event on Social media. She suggested making videos and posting. She said Ezeikel's photography video made last year would be shared too. Diane shared that she is able to post on the Art Council's page and directed members to send posts to her so she can post them. Cheryl shared Jessica's contracted posting criteria which will be through April.
2. Fundraising (Lisa Council) shared about the need to show up at fund raising events
3. Out Reach (Diane Greenwell) Diane shared about an event happening at Kass Circle by People helping people and the need for volunteers to do outreach and encouraged members to share about events that might need vendors. Deanna shared about Heritage Days event coming up at the Elks Lodge on February 25th.

G. Member Comments :

1. Deanna Passarelli shared about a coffee company donating a basket and coffee for AITP volunteers. She also shared an anonymous donation.
2. Ron shared he will not be at AITP
3. Nina shared about Oddity shop "Haggard Coffee" being a sponsor and encouraged us to stop in and thank them.
4. Cindy shared that she is feeling better and will be stepping up to help more again.

H. Dates to Remember

- a. **Volunteer Log updates & Agenda Items due January 31st**
- b. **Front Porch Art Walk** –March 7th, 2026 10AM-2PM
- c. **Next Monthly Meeting** – March 12th canceled
- d. Art in the Park-March 13th-15th