



August 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

A. Call to Order (Pedram Moghaddam called the meeting to order at 5:33

1. Pledge to the Flag
2. The following members were present: Cheryl Hill, Cindy Mahon Gandy, Diane Greenwell, Jessica Knutilia, Joan LoBianco, Lisa Council, Nina Mattei, Pedram Moghaddam, Roxanne Campbell., Ron Coles. Dakota Hornton and Nidea Pierre were excused
3. Introduction of guests: Louis Johns

B. Action Item: motion for approval of August Minutes

1. Nina made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded the motion. Minutes approved.
2. Motion was made to approve agenda by Diane and Roxanne seconded the motion to approve.

C. Financial Matters (Cheryl Hill)

1. Treasurers report - Cheryl discussed since we did not receive \$25,000 grant we need to: examine expenses, prioritize, explore fundraising ideas and the possibility that we will have to rely on reserves to meet our budget expectations. She also mentioned cashing out the CD to help cover expenses for the 2026 year. She took the council through the agenda line by line, the committee considered possible exclusions of certain expenses and the need to reduce some of the expenses . Cheryl made a motion to exclude the \$9,000 for Community arts grant, but as a committee it was decided to keep this grant available and reduce or eliminate it if the need be since the budget is a "living" budget that can be changed as needed.
2. Jessica Knutila will continue to call vendors seeking better rates for Art in the Park, and also see if vendors will swap fees for sponsorships.
3. Jessica Knutila also discussed that the council has applied for 5 grants with a possibility of approximately \$60,000. being awarded if the grants come in.
4. Nina Mattei showed concern about including any of the grant amounts in the budget since this money is not guaranteed.
5. Congressional art contest prize was discussed. Items of discussion included, reducing it, looking for other sources of funding for it, possibly asking the school board for donations.
6. A motion was made to approve the budget by Diane, seconded by Lisa to approve the budget with motions discussed.

D. Volunteer Log updates (Nina Mattei)

1. Nina shared that volunteer log updates are due by October.
2. Volunteer requests:
 - i. FPAW (Diane Greenwell) volunteer sign up was passed around. Diane shared that Brian's Place Restaurant will be participating in FPAW again this year allowing for 60 Artist spots.
 - ii. WWJB 9/15 Pedra will promote Art in the Park and put out a "Call to Artists" and Let artists know that applications are now open. October 20th-unassigned

E. Work Plans: Status Update & Discussion

1. Art in the Park - Jessica Knutila discussed applications were now open. Flyers for Sponsorship forms were distributed.
- 2.. Arts in Education (Nidia Pierre)
Joan LoBianco shared that she sent out emails to Hernando County teachers informing Them about the Arts in Education grant available
3. Community Outreach (Diane Greenwell)
Veteran's Festival November 15th
4. Fundraising (Lisa Hannon)
Lisa discussed the success of "Dinner with the Artist" and suggested a place for another one at Seven Hills Social Club in Spring Hill. (Only available on Mondays)

G. Member Comments :

- 1.Cindy shared an idea about raffling off a famous pro athlete's autograph
2. Joan shared about emailing artists about Pole Painting Project
3. Nina promoted the idea of a Bingo fundraiser

Dates to Remember

- a. **Volunteer Log updates & Agenda Items Due** by October 1st
- b. **Front Porch Art Walk** – October 4th, 2025 10AM-2PM
- c. **Arts in Education Grant Deadline Applications** due by October 5th
- d. **Community Arts grant deadline-Applications** are due October 6th.
- e. **Next Monthly Meeting** – Thursday, October 9th at 5:30 PM at Brooksville City Hall