

**Arts, Culture and Entertainment
Art and Wellness Sub-Committee Meeting**
Mayor-Elect Donna Deegan Transition

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11 AM - 1 PM
Location: Jessie DuPont Center, 40 East Adams St., Room 318, Jax, FL 32202

Chairs: Chrys Yates, Shawanna Brooks

In Person: Chrys Yates, Shawana Brooks, Barbara Colaciello, Mai Keisling

Absent: Niveah Desirea

ZOOM: In attendance as subject area expert: Amy Palmer from Cultural Council

1. Call to order: 11:10 AM
2. Welcome from Chrys Yates
3. Review of Focus Areas:
 - a. Set priorities: To gather information first to understand what the city is already doing that incorporates art with well being.
 1. Amy Palmer suggested the book *Your Brain on Arts: How the Arts Transform Us* by Susan Magsamen and Ivy Ross. She also recommended a PBSNewsHour episode that discusses the book and neuroarts, the blend of science and art and how the growth and importance of the field connects the arts and our health.
 2. Chris Yates spoke about how hospitals (i.e. Shands) have great art programs. Discussed expanded partnerships between hospitals, art and the city.
 3. We agreed to spend time identifying what already exists in city government regarding grants, events they help sponsor like the World of Nations.
 - b. Neighborhoods need a sense of place. (Examples murals, provide shaded areas for outdoor music or storytelling. We talked about finding out more about artful crosswalks initiative.
 - c. Accessibility issues - How do people living in underserved neighborhoods get to cultural institutions, and events? How can arts be brought to neighborhoods for well being?

- d. There was a discussion regarding the idea of a culture bus that would connect arts with different communities. The culture bus would be painted by local artists exemplifying diversity. Next step is to research cities that may be implementing this idea.

4. Identify advocates and experts for further meetings.

- Nicole Hamm, Blue Zone Projects
- JTA Representative
- Asian American Influencer

5. Logistics for Subcommittee Work

- a. Schedule Next Meeting: Agreed upon Tuesday, July 18 at 2 PM at Jessie Dupont Center.
- b. Next Steps - subcommittie members will research, grants, identify subject area experts and look for community models in other cities.

6. Adjournment 12:45 PM