**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
Wednesday, April 12, 2017
6:00 PM**

 **Attending:**Commission members: Cherie Heringer, Keith Nabb, Lisa Winton, Sean Mulligan, Vickie Johnson, Berney Kirkland, Scott Auer

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

**Call to Order**
Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**
Keith Nabb moved to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2017 meeting as presented (Vickie Johnson 2nd). Motion carried 7-0.

**Adoption of the Agenda**
Berney Kirkland moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Scott Auer 2nd). Motion carried 7-0.

**Developer Presentation**

Suwanee Animal Hospital is a veterinary clinic and boarding facility, set to break ground between September 2017 and January 2018. The project was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fitzgerald, owners, who indicated that they will participate in the public art initiative. Several options and onsite locations were discussed. Alyssa Durden offered the services of Suwanee’s public art consultant.

Suwanee Plaza, Building D is a 14,400 square feet retail center fronting Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. The project was represented by Sidney Mozayyani, owner. Mr. Mozayyani shared that the new building will be situated behind an existing retail center that he also owns. With the new building being obscured by the existing building, art placed onsite may not be seen by the general public. There was some discussion regarding alternate ways to participate, among them being placing public art at the front of the original existing building or sponsoring the upcoming SculpTour exhibit. Lisa Winton will schedule a meeting to discuss sponsorship with Mr. Mozayyani.

Solis Town Center is a mixed-use development near Town Center and includes a 240 unit multi-family community and 12,000 square feet of retail space. The project was represented by John Bell, with Terwilliger Pappas, who advised that construction is expected to begin in June 2017. Mr. Bell further shared that they will participate in the public art initiative and have a couple of sites pre-selected for public art. There was some discussion about other siting opportunities as well as the possibility of using murals, functional art, and interactive art. Mr. Bell was receptive to the ideas and suggestions shared by the PAC and will be working closely with the PAC as construction progresses.

Suwanee Gateway Townhomes is a Lennar Georgia, Inc. residential community that will be located off of Northolt Parkway in the Terraces at Suwanee Gateway. The project was represented by Gray Brantley from Lennar Georgia, Inc. and Marian Adeimy with Anderson, Tate and Carr. Lennar has met with the PAC previously, representing another townhome community within the City (Suwanee Walk). Marian shared that Lennar would like to combine the public art budgets of both projects and purchase or commission a larger piece to site within the Suwanee Walk community since the Suwanee Gateway project will not be in prominent public view. Discussion ensued and Lisa Winton mentioned the possibility of sponsoring ‘Sip & See’, an upcoming City art-related event. Lisa will follow up with Jim Bowersox, VP of Development regarding sponsorship.

**SculpTour Update**

SculpTour 2017-2019 Exhibit – Toni Shrewsbury shared that the entire exhibit should be installed by May 8. She also advised the PAC of volunteer opportunities for the May 20, 2017 art-related event, ‘Sip & See’. SculpTour sponsorship opportunities were discussed, with members of the PAC volunteering to contact local businesses regarding support of SculpTour 2017-19.

**Other**

* Alyssa Durden shared that the City is updating our comprehensive plan and will be hosting public open houses to gain input. She specifically asked for input from PAC members for a focus group meeting Thursday, April 20, 2017. Alyssa will follow up with details via email.
* NGAA Update – Vicki Johnson shared the following:
	+ - Six lantern-making classes were held for participants in the upcoming Glow in the Park to be held on April 15, 2017.
		- A custom made brushed aluminum metal arch is completed and will be installed in the gallery.
		- There are plans to enlarge the education area by taking down a studio wall.
		- A $7500 grant was received from Jackson EMC. Pottery equipment will be purchased and student scholarships will be offered as a result of the grant.

**Adjournment**

Keith Nabb moved to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. (Scott Auer 2nd). Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury