**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

 **Attending:**Commission members: Cherie Heringer, Keith Nabb, Lisa Winton, Berney Kirkland, Scott Auer, Sean Mulligan (arrived 6:05), (Vickie Johnson absent)

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

**Call to Order**
Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**
Bernie Kirkland moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting as presented (Scott Auer 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Keith Nabb moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Scott Auer 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

**Developer Presentation**

Old Peachtree Convenience Store is an upscale convenience store planned for the corner of Old Peachtree Road and McGinnis Ferry. The 4,200 square foot building will be constructed of stacked stone and brick. Tom Jones, managing member of Montecito Development, LLC, represented the project. He indicated that Montecito will participate in the initiative and will either install art on the property or donate to the public art fund - whichever is in the best interest of the community. Options were discussed and the services of the City’s public art consultant were offered and accepted. Mr. Jones shared with the PAC that as a result of Suwanee’s public art initiative, Montecito plans to incorporate public art into future convenience store projects.

Other Updates - Alyssa Durden updated the group regarding current and recently completed construction projects that have been before the PAC.

**SculpTour 2017 Exhibit Update**Toni Shrewsbury reported that many of the 2017 SculpTour exhibit pieces have been installed, with the remaining sculptures coming within the next week. She reported that the entire exhibit will be in place on May 9, 2017. Toni further shared that the North Gwinnett High School art students project “Totem,” will be installed as a temporary exhibit. The students, along with their teacher Dallas Gillespie, are expected to install the piece during the North Gwinnett Arts Association’s “Arts in the Park” event on May 13, 2017.

* “Sip & See”- Toni updated the group regarding planning for the SculpTour unveiling event scheduled for May 20, 2017. She then asked for PAC volunteers to assist during the event – Keith Nabb, Scott Auer, Sean Mulligan and Cherie Heringer volunteered. PAC members who had previously volunteered to reach out to local businesses with SculpTour sponsorship opportunities, gave updates regarding those contacts.

**Other**

* NGAA Update – Denise Brinson reported that Ray Stanjevich, the owner of the Berlin Wall artifact, is working with the NGAA to possibly donate and relocate the piece from his local restaurant to the NGAA property. She further mentioned that the NGAA event “Arts in the Park” is looking for volunteers in a number of areas.
* Other Updates
	+ - Gwinnett County Bicentennial Celebration - Denise reminded the group that Gwinnett County will be hosting a Bicentennial event in 2018. This event may present an opportunity to showcase the City’s “LIVES” piece and turn this iconic piece of the Gwinnett County water towers into public art. Denise will pursue the idea with the County and inquire about potential funding sources.
		- Comprehensive Plan – Denise shared that there will be an opportunity for 2-3 PAC members to serve on the steering committee for the new comprehensive plan.

**Adjournment**

Cherie Heringer moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. (Scott Auer 2nd). Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury