**MINUTES**

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA**

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING**

**AUGUST 3, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Attending:**

Commission members: Vickie Johnson, Berney Kirkland (left 8:25 p.m.), Keith Nabb, Suzanne Holtkamp, Lisa Winton (arrived 6:20 p.m.), Cherie Heringer (absent), one vacancy.

Staff: Denise Brinson, Alyssa Durden, Toni Shrewsbury

**Call to Order**

Denise Brinson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Suzanne Holtkamp moved to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting as presented (Vickie Johnson 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Keith Nabb moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Bernie Kirkland 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Developer Updates**

Alyssa Durden gave an update regarding developer activity (spreadsheet attached). She expects two residential builders to attend the September 7 Public Arts Commission (PAC) meeting.

Main Event - Alyssa reported Linc Weis, the city’s public art consultant, has been able to develop a successful partnership/relationship in working with Main Event on development of their public art project (see attached rendering).

Terwilliger Pappas Mixed Use Project – Denise reported the design of the mixed-use properties slated for Buford Highway will change regarding orientation of buildings as well as added retail space.

**Guess Who’s Coming to Cocktails (GWCC) – Event Follow up**

* Sponsor Photo Albums - Denise shared that gift baskets were hand-delivered to our GWCC patrons and sponsors after the event. She also introduced a sample photo album and thank you letter that will be given to our GWCC patrons and sponsors.
* Event Invitations – Denise noted GWCC patrons and sponsors have received invitations to all public art events, both City and NGAA related, with the most recent invitation to attend the August Concert as a very special guest in the Team Suwanee Tent.
* Arts Leaders Field Trip – Toni Shrewsbury introduced a one page overview of the upcoming trip to the Atlanta Botanical Garden slated for October 4, 2016.

**SculpTour Discussion**Introduction of SculpTour 2017-2019 - Denise asked the group for volunteers to spearhead the effort of creating a small event to publically introduce the SculpTour 2017-2019 exhibit in May, 2017. Example given was a cheese/wine tour of the sculptures along with participating artists’ presence.  
  
Possible Changes to SculpTour 2017-2019 - Denise challenged the group to consider what changes they might envision for SculpTour 2017-2019. Ideas mentioned were:

* Playful, kinetic pieces
* Motion, sound, lighting – (energy self-sufficient, solar panels)
* Projection art displayed on the side of a building
* Musical, interactive art
* Themed exhibit (i.e. five senses or interactive)
* Fewer, more impressive pieces per Public Art Master Plan

Staff will evaluate options and communicate potential changes to the PAC. The RFP will be sent to artists in mid-November, 2016.

Seward Johnson Exhibit – Toni introduced the possibility of hosting the Seward Johnson Exhibit of bronzes, in lieu of or in addition to SculpTour (discussion ensued). The outcome was to host SculpTour for another 2 year exhibit (2017-2019) while further researching the Seward Johnson opportunity for the year 2018 or 2019.  
  
Future Public Art Opportunities - Denise noted that the Buford Highway Roundabout project and Water Tower “LIVES” piece will likely be the next PAC sponsored projects.

**PAC Goals**

* PAC Goals “Report Card”, 2014 – current, was distributed by Toni (see attached) – Denise opened the discussion of bringing in a facilitator to assist the group in reviewing current goals as well as creating a new set of goals. The group agreed that having a facilitator would be beneficial.
* Schedule date for goal-setting session –Discuss format for goal-setting session. The session will be held on a Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m. Three dates to be considered are; September 10, October 1 and October 15. Denise asked PAC members to save these dates until PAC vacancy is filled and a date can be selected. Suzanne Holtkamp offered to host the session in her home.

**North Gwinnett Arts Association – Arts Center/Welcome Center Update**Vickie Johnson reported the following:

* Approximately 8-10 people coming in each day
* Sold over $1,000 in Suwanee SWAG and over $2,000 in member art through July, 2016
* Hosted three successful members art shows
* Added pottery wheel – now offering pottery classes
* All classes are beginning to fill up
* Hosted Titanic exhibit and NGHS student art exhibit
* NGAA student art will be exhibited at library November-December 2016
* The center needs volunteers – Lisa Winton suggested the Good Timers group at George Pierce Park

**PAC Vacancy**  
Several area residents and business owners have expressed interest in serving on the PAC. Toni will work to schedule interviews for the September meeting. Ideally, the new member should be on board prior to the SculpTour RFP and selection process.

**Other**Keith Nabb recommended, as a must see, The Georgia Fortune Tellers Psychedelic Art Environment in Buena Vista, GA.

Denise Brinson reported that “Mother and Child” has been installed at White Street Park and the GWCC Art Posters are on display at the library.

**Adjournment**Suzanne Holtkamp moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes submitted by Toni Shrewsbury