**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
6:00 PM**

 **Attending:**Commission members: Vickie Johnson, Berney Kirkland, Cherie Heringer, Scott Auer, Keith Nabb (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Sean Mulligan (absent), Lisa Winton (absent).

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Dan Robinson

**Call to Order**
Cherie Heringer called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**
Berney Kirkland moved to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting as presented (Vickie Johnson 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Adoption of the Agenda**
Vickie Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Scott Auer 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Developer Presentation**

Suwanee Station was represented by Mike Smith, V.P. of Development, TPG Development LLC. This project was previously represented by Dave Boccolucci, former V.P. of Development with TPG, on March 2, 2016. At that time Mr. Boccolucci expressed interest in participation as well as working with public art consultant, Linc Weis.

Since Mr. Boccolucci is no longer with TPG, the PAC felt it would be a good idea to bring Mr. Smith up to speed and confirm his participation. He shared that there are three phases to Suwanee Station which present a few possible locations for public art. He would like to work with Linc Weis to select the location as well as the installation. Toni Shrewsbury will send information and pricing of sculptures currently exhibited through SculpTour, to Mr. Smith. Linc Weis will contact Mr. Smith.

**Development Updates**

Dan Robinson updated the group with regards to the following projects:

Suwanee Walk – Lennar has begun grading for the townhome community.

Suwanee Pointe Business Park on Tench Road – Developer has applied for a permit. Site plan provided includes location for public art.

Suwanee Green – Final plat to be issued soon - allowing home construction to begin.

**PAC Retreat Discussion**

Denise Brinson confirmed that the group will meet on a Saturday, January 28 at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakfast will be provided at 7:30 a.m. with the session beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. She reminded PAC members to send retreat discussion topics and the 5Voices test results to her by the end of December. Denise also asked the group to review the Public Art Master Plan (PAMP).

**Project Updates**

SculpTour 2017-2019 – Toni Shrewsbury reported that the SculpTour 2017-2019 Request for Proposal (RFP) was distributed to 4,000+ artists beginning on November 14. She also presented a current vote count for SculpTour 2015 – 2017 “People’s Choice.” Possible dates for group review of SculpTour applications were discussed; it was decided that January 11, 2017 will be the first choice with January 18, 2017 being a back-up date.

North Gwinnett Arts Association (NGAA) – Vickie Johnson reported the following:

* They are in need of a co-chair for the car show – asked group to put out feelers.
* Events scheduled for 2017 are Jazz Fest (new event), Arts in the Park, and the car show.
* Member meeting/“State of the Union” to be held on January 19, 2017 at City Hall. Vickie will send information to Robyn O’Donnell to share with City Council.
* They are talking with the new Town Center management company about leasing the empty suite next door to the gallery. This would allow for much needed classroom expansion.
* The website issues have been addressed and the website is now up and running.
* They will host three local elementary school choral groups for “school night,” in the spring of 2017. Each school will be assigned a date and student artwork may be displayed.
* Student scholarships will be awarded at the Christmas party on December 10.
* They are interested in acquiring metal-work for the gallery space however, the expense is cost-prohibitive. Denise suggested reaching out to Metal Products Company regarding donated services.

**Adjournment**

Cherie Heringer moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. (Vickie Johnson 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury