**MINUTES**

**CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA**

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING**

**AUGUST 5, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

**Attending:**

Commission members: Vickie Johnson, Berney Kirkland, Tim O’Brien, Lisa Winton, Dick Goodman (arrived at 6:08 p.m.) (Absent: Cherie Heringer, Suzanne Holtkamp).

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Dan Robinson

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Berney Kirkland moved to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2015 meeting as presented (Vickie Johnson 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Tim O’Brien moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Berney Kirkland 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Developer Presentation**

Children’s Learning Adventure (CLA), an upscale child care center, was represented by David Newton, Senior Project manager for CLA. Mr. Newton shared that CLA is interested in participating in the percent for art initiative. Architects are currently looking at public art opportunities within the project itself, however, he would like to discuss other options as well. He indicated there may be some interest in the possibility of commissioning and donating usable public art to be placed in one of the City’s existing parks.

**Other Updates**

Toni shared photos of the recently completed Aldi public art installation, “McDowell’s Bear,” (see attached photo) along with a plaque of acknowledgement highlighting Aldi’s participation in the City’s percent for art initiative.

**Developer Component Proposal**

Denise Brinson introduced a proposal to offer the services of a public art consultant or professional landscape architect to work with developers to aid in the selection/placement of on-site public art (see attached proposal). This service would be paid for by the City. Dan Robinson shared that this concept is similar to that used by the city’s planning department and that it works very well. Denise asked the PAC to consider offering these services to new developers as well as retroactively to selected projects. Discussion ensued. Tim O’Brien moved to move forward as outlined in the proposal (Vickie Johnson 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Art Master Plan (PAMP) Update**

Denise Brinson reported that consultant Todd Bressi will deliver the final presentation of the Public Art Master Plan to City Council and PAMP Advisory Committee on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. The final draft is expected to be available the week of August 17, 2015 and will be shared with the PAC at that time.

**Project Updates**

SculpTour – Toni updated the PAC regarding an option given to developers who have not yet participated in the percent for art initiative to instead become a SculpTour sponsor. The final SculpTour brochure, featuring $3,000+ sponsors will be developed soon. Developers were advised that in order to be included in the brochure a decision to sponsor would need to be made very soon.

Fundraising/Awareness Event – Denise Brinson gave an update regarding “Guess Who’s Coming to Cocktails,” an event planned to increase awareness and raise funds for public art in Suwanee. The planning committee evaluated sites and agreed that the plaza area in front of City Hall would be the best location. They will continue to pursue that option with the City.

North Gwinnett Arts Association – Vickie Johnson reported that the group is receiving positive feedback from both the City and Madison Retail with regards to leasing the space they currently occupy in Town Center. The City is considering an agreement wherein the NGAA would provide welcome center-type services, arts-related event planning, and other services.

Street Piano – Toni reported that the City’s latest interactive public art project, the “street piano,” was installed in Town Center Park last week. An announcement will be made on Facebook next week encouraging folks to come out and photograph/video their experiences to be shared on Facebook and Instagram.

**Other**

Lisa Winton advised that Mr. Ronald Secory, a resident who had previously brought a public art donation request to the PAC, has contacted her with news that he wishes to move forward in commissioning the piece and when completed, will re-approach the PAC. He understands that the donation may not be accepted. Mr. Secory was previously advised that in the absence of a completed piece the PAC could not give an advance approval and promise of acceptance of the donation.

**Adjournment**

Berney Kirkland moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. (Vickie Johnson 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.