**MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017
6:00 PM**

**Attending:**Commission members: Cherie Heringer, Berney Kirkland, Keith Nabb, Sean Mulligan, Scott Auer (absent), Lisa Winton (absent), (One Vacancy).

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

**Call to Order**
Cherie Heringer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**
Keith Nabb moved to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting as presented (Berney Kirkland 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Adoption of the Agenda**
Berney Kirkland moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Sean Mulligan 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

**Developer Presentations**

Buford Highway Circle K was represented by Sal Ajani, Developer with Circle K Atlanta. The gas station and convenience store will also feature a drive-through restaurant and will be located on the Southwest corner of McGinnis Ferry Road and Buford Highway. Mr. Ajani shared that he anticipates construction will begin at the end of January 2018. He also indicated that Circle K would like to participate in the public art initiative in some manner. Discussion ensued with the PAC members. Cherie Heringer offered the services of the City’s public art consultant and Alyssa Durden will follow up with Mr. Ajani.

Harvest Park was represented by Mr. John Bonanno, Senior Vice President of Operations with White Street Village LLC. The approximate 227-unit subdivision, comprised of townhomes and single-family residences, is located on Buford Highway next to the existing Harvest Farm and Orchard. Mr. Bonanno indicated that they were not expecting to be asked to participate in the public art initiative and were unsure about how to proceed at this point. Discussion ensued with PAC members sharing ideas and possible locations for public art. Mr. Bonanno felt that his company would consider participation after plans are further developed and grading costs and other site details are worked through. Cherie Heringer offered the services of the City’s public art consultant and Alyssa Durden will follow up with Mr. Bonanno.

**Fundraising Feasibility Study Update**

Denise Brinson reported that an introductory meeting for the steering committee and the consultants from Columns Fundraising was held on December 6, 2017. She further shared that the process is moving along with interviews to begin after the holidays.

**Project Updates**

* North Gwinnett Arts Association – Keith Nabb, interim President of the NGAA, shared the following:
	+ - The 2018 class schedule is expected to be completed after the holidays.
		- A membership drive is currently underway.
		- Vickie Gregory, association member, will be handling social media for the NGAA.
		- The new website has gone live.
		- A new event for children, ‘Saturday with Santa’ is scheduled for two Saturdays in December (December 2 and December 9) from noon -2:00 p.m. Children can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the center and choose to have either a professional photo taken or take one of their own. The event is free of charge however donations are encouraged.
		- Successful events in 2017 were Arts in the Park, the car show, and the inaugural Jazz Fest which raised over $12K.
		- A new event for 2018 is in the early planning stages. The event will be an invitation-only fundraiser with details to follow.
		- The NGAA is considering asking each member to donate one item for sale at the center with proceeds going to the NGAA.
* Developer Updates
* Alyssa Durden shared a current, public art-related, written status report for development in the City (see attached).
* Alyssa further reported that Corey Cianci, developer of the recently completed Lowes Outparcel, embraced the public art initiative and installed two sculptures on the site. He shared that he plans to continue to include public art in his future development projects. In order to evidence the success of the public art initiative, Mr. Cianci will be asked to provide a statement regarding his participation and positive experience that may be included in future press releases as well as articles in local publications.

**Adjournment**

Berney Kirkland moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. (Sean Mulligan 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury