

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018
6:00 PM

Attending:

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

Staff: Alyssa Durden

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Sean Mulligan moved to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2018 meeting as presented (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Developer Presentation

Suwanee Square is located at 760 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and was represented by Matt Retter, Manager, from Corridor Nolan LLC. Mr. Retter described that the townhome project would have unique-looking townhomes with courtyards in the front. Mr. Retter stated that they have already purchased the property and intend to develop it themselves. He stated they would be open to either a monetary contribution to the larger public art program or installing a sculpture within the park at the front of the neighborhood.

Mr. Retter described that the park is a few steps lower than the adjacent sidewalk and slopes down towards the townhomes that front the park. The PAC expressed concern for visibility due to the recessed park and the distance from the entrance to the neighborhood at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Alyssa Durden clarified that the neighborhood would be connected to a planned neighborhood adjacent to the development via a road that would connect both neighborhoods to Old Town. The PAC felt that this connection could have a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic; therefore, art in the neighborhood park would be seen by the public. The PAC suggested alternate forms of art to consider in addition to sculpture. Alyssa Durden offered the services of the City's public art consultant.

Development Updates

Alyssa Durden updated the PAC on recent art installations by private developers including a sculpture and mural by Solis Town Center, a sculpture by the Providence Group in Suwanee Station, bear sculptures by Suwanee Point Business Park, the giraffe and horse sculptures by Suwanee Gateway retail, and a planned installation of metal silhouettes by Suwanee Animal Hospital. Alyssa noted a few projects that are complete and not likely to participate in the public art program based on previous discussions with the owners/developers or non-responsiveness to attempts by the public art consultant to reach out to them. It was suggested that those that chose not to put art on their sites could be contacted and asked for a potential monetary contribution to the public art program.

Alyssa also highlighted new development that is underway including the Harvest Park neighborhood, a new neighborhood planned off of Eva Kennedy Road, a planned neighborhood off of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard behind Sherwin Williams, and a planned second phase of Solis Town Center. Alyssa noted that Heartis senior living is almost complete and two of three buildings in Solis phase I are complete.

North Gwinnett Art Association

Cherie Heringer gave an update on the NGAA. NGAA has finished their event cycle with the Classic Car Show, and has ended the year strong financially. They are gearing up to elect new officers in January including the following: President, Cherie Heringer, Vice President, Susan Costley; Treasurer, Fern Pegus; Secretary, Mike Montgomery; and Marketing, Ronnie Culvert.

They are scheduling next year's events. The first will be 7-8 lantern workshops in March. They are working on partnering with local organizations to hold bigger workshops in bigger spaces including Level Creek Church. They are also working to get Reeves Young involved. The Arts Festival will be moved to October and be more focused on fine arts. Jazz Fest will be moved to the spring. The gallery will host 6 exhibits next year. They are waiting on the city's event schedule to schedule the Soiree.

Membership is up to almost 140, which is a significant increase. Their goals are to increase membership and event sponsorship. Alyson Dawson is working on grants to increase funding. They are also working on building the advisory board.

Other

Denise Brinson shared, via conference call, that she, Lisa Winton and Toni Shrewsbury had selected potential pieces for SculpTour 2019 from the Mellow Mushroom collection and they will present them to the PAC later this month.

Denise further shared that the City has entered into a contract with Columns Fundraising and The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia. They will begin scheduling meetings with

PAC members, City Council, and steering committee members first. The public campaign will be introduced on June 8th at an event that will kick off Sculptour 2019. The event will include a performance by the Aurora Theater with a preshow VIP reception and reserved seating for those who have already donated to the campaign.

Denise confirmed that PAC meetings will be moved to the second Wednesday of the month for 2019.

Sean Mulligan moved to adjourn (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 4-0

Minutes taken by Alyssa Durden

Typed by Toni Shrewsbury