

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019
6:00 PM

Attending:

Commission members: Lisa Winton, Sean Mulligan, Cherie Heringer, Berney Kirkland, Keith Nabb, (Susan Costley-Absent), (Annie Davis – Absent)

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury

Call to Order

Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

Berney Kirkland moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Sean Mulligan – 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Sean Mulligan moved to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes as presented (Berney Kirkland 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

PAC Vacancy

Denise Brinson advised that there is a vacancy on the commission as Annie Davis has relocated and no longer resides within Suwanee city limits. She further shared that she has spoken with two city residents, Debra Barnhart and Carla Hoff, who have expressed interested in joining the PAC. Commission members agreed that they would like to invite both candidates to attend the December 11, 2019 PAC meeting for an interview with the group. Denise will follow up with the candidates.

Town Center Crosswalk Art

Toni Shrewsbury shared that she is researching options for the design and installation of two crosswalk locations within Town Center Park. Permission from all of the involved property owners has been secured and digital designs have been submitted, for consideration, by a local artist. No designs have been selected at this time. Commission members suggested that staff research and consider the option of hosting a contest to select the artist(s) for the project.

Updates

- **Capital Campaign and Edinburgh Event** – Denise Brinson reported that the wine-tasting event hosted by Sheila Crumrine (campaign committee chair) at the clubhouse in the Edinburgh community, went very well and that Sheila is in the process of following up with the attendees. Rhonda Godfrey (campaign committee member) is planning a similar event for her neighbors in the River Club community while Sandy Izaguirre

(campaign committee member) is also planning an event to host her friends at a local establishment, Sip Happens. Keith Nabb plans to host an event for his friends and neighbors in Town Center Park after the first of the year. Denise also shared that the City's contract with Columns Fundraising has reached the end of its term, however, Columns has agreed to continue to work with the City on an "as needed" basis. Lastly, Denise shared that she is working on naming opportunities within the park and that a little over \$400,000 has been raised, by the campaign, to date.

- SculpTour 2019-2021 – Toni advised that the new exhibit brochures have been received and that staff is in the process of delivering to the local schools and Georgia visitor centers, in time for the holiday season.
- North Gwinnett Arts Association (NGAA) – Cherie Heringer shared the following updates:
 - The car show, held earlier in the month, featured 165 cars and drew a crowd of 3,000 to 4,000. The NGAA expects a net profit of approximately \$10,000.
 - The last gallery show of 2019 will be installed on December 5, 2019.
 - Sheila Crumrine is working with staff on planning the upcoming Suwanee Soiree to be held on March 21, 2020. The theme will be "Down the Rabbit Hole."
 - Fundraising efforts for the 2020 calendar of events will be delegated to the first quarter so as to fundraise more efficiently.
 - A name change is being considered for the organization, possibly to Suwanee Arts Association. The use of in-kind sponsorships for rebranding expenses is being looked at.

Other

Denise Brinson reported that as of the November 2019 election, Larry Pettiford and Heather Hall had been elected to serve on city council, replacing Doug Ireland and Dick Goodman, respectively.

Adjournment

Sean Mulligan moved to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. (Cherie Heringer 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury