

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SUWANEE**  
**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) ZOOM MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

**Attending:**

Commission members: Sean Mulligan, Keith Nabb, Susan Costley, Berney Kirkland (left at 7:25 pm), Cherie Heringer (left at 7:25 p.m.) Lisa Winton (joined at 6:11 p.m.) (Carla Hoff-Absent)

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury

**Call to Order**

Sean Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Berney Kirkland moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Cherie Heringer – 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Keith Nabb moved to approve the July 8, 2020 minutes as presented.

(Berney Kirkland – 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 5-0.

**SculpTour 2021 Exhibit**

Denise Brinson shared that staff had investigated the possibility of extending the current SculpTour exhibit for another year beyond the original March, 2021 end date. The extension would reduce costs to the public art fund as well as to provide safer working conditions for both the city's public works staff and the contributing artists. Susan Costley moved to extend the exhibit pending city council approval (Cherie Heringer – 2<sup>nd</sup>). **Motion carried 6-0.**

**'His-n- Hers' Sculpture Purchase Option**

Toni Shrewsbury informed the group that Gregory Johnson, artist, has offered to sell his sculpture 'His-n-Hers', a piece in the current SculpTour exhibit, to the city at a heavily discounted price. Mr. Johnson will sell the piece for \$4,550.00 which will include re-powder coating the piece, in the colors of the PAC's choosing, at the end of the current exhibit. Lisa Winton moved to approve the purchase (Berney Kirkland – 2<sup>nd</sup>). **Motion carried 6-0.**

**'Wind Sculpture Weathervane' Sculpture Maintenance Options**

Toni shared that the sculpture, located in Sims Lake Park, was the 'People's Choice' winner from SculpTour 2011 and is in need of maintenance. She advised that the artist, Al Garnto, had presented three maintenance options (see attached). After hearing the options, the PAC asked staff to make a recommendation between Options 1 and 2. Toni will visit the sculpture and present the findings. Keith Nabb moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 for maintenance (Cherie Heringer – 2<sup>nd</sup>). **Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Explore Gwinnett Grant/Buford Highway Retaining Wall Mural**

Denise informed the group that staff had applied for a \$10,000 matching grant from Explore Gwinnett and has been selected as a recipient. The grant funds, along with matching funds from the public art fund, will be used to commission an artist to produce a mural on the retaining wall of Kevin O'Brien's property. A Request for Proposal will be released the first week of November, 2020. Keith Nabb suggested that staff draft an official policy regarding privately owned spaces donated for the use of public art – Toni will research. Lisa Winton moved to match the grant up to \$10,000 (Keith Nabb – 2<sup>nd</sup>). **Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Review of PAC Goals and Report Card**

Staff has worked to update the goals report card. Toni Shrewsbury will email a pdf of the document to the PAC for review.

### **Updates**

**Municipal Court Building Mural** – Denise explained that 1% of the building costs, or approximately \$37,000, had been allocated to exterior wall art for the renovation of the court building. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued with 24 responses were received in response. Six artists were short-listed to proceed to Zoom call interviews with city staff. Three artists were then selected to submit proposals for the project and provided with a \$500 stipend. Staff identified Lauren Stumberg as the proposed remaining finalist. Denise shared the proposals received with the PAC members, who agreed that Lauren Stumberg was the best choice for the project. A final recommendation will be made to city council by staff.

**Donated Mural Installation** – Toni shared that the donated mural, 'Suwanee Rocks' by Kim Pitts, is expected to be installed on the back of the stage the week of October 19, 2020.

**Art for All Campaign**- Denise advised that the campaign is still on hold due to the pandemic. Keith Nabb suggested that it would be a good time to resume conversations with financial planners as well as with those in the construction business.

**North Gwinnett Arts Association**- Susan Costley shared the following:

- Sheila Crumrine was named the new President of the organization following Cherie Heringer's retirement.
- Ife Williams, former Director of the Hudgins Center, was contracted as part-time consultant of the organization.
- A virtual gallery has gone live.
- The Center for the Arts has rebranded as Suwanee Arts Center, although the organization itself continues to operate as North Gwinnett Arts Association, a 501c3.
- A virtual opening was held for the photography exhibit will run through October. A fair number of new artists are participating and one piece has been sold.

- With the holiday season approaching, the center is preparing it's 'Small Works' collection of smaller, more affordable pieces. These pieces will be available for purchase beginning on November 10, 2020.

### **Other**

Denise shared that Station Park, beside the police station on Buford Highway, is set to begin construction in November, 2020.

Lisa Winton advised that she was selected to serve on the 2020-2022 Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce Board.

### **Adjournment**

Lisa Winton move to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. (Keith Nabb – 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 4-0.