

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SUWANEE**  
**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING -ZOOM PLATFORM**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 2021**  
**6:00 PM**

**Attending:**

Commission members: Keith Nabb, Debra Barnhart, Carla Hoff, Cherie Heringer, Lisa Winton, Susan Costley, Sean Mulligan

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

**Call to Order**

Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Susan Costley moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Sean Mulligan– 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Keith Nabb moved to approve the August 11, 2021 minutes as presented.

(Carla Hoff– 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 7-0.

**Developer Presentations**

Popeye's Restaurant, to be constructed on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, was represented by Matthew Coutu, Development Coordinator with WDG Lawrenceville Suwanee, LLC. Mr. Coutu shared that WDG would like to participate by commissioning a mural that would include brand signage along with the art on an exterior wall. The subject matter for the mural was discussed with the suggestion of using a New Orleans-style jazz band being offered by Alyssa Durden. Mr. Coutu was advised to work with Alyssa on content of the mural if branding to be included. Toni Shrewsbury will share artists information with developer once he receives corporate approval as well as a budget.

**Updates**

**Art for All Capital Campaign** - Denise Brinson shared that the construction start date of the new park, Town Center on Main, is unknown at this time, however, could be as early as the end of the first quarter in 2022. The capital campaign will restart when construction begins. The park will take approximately eighteen months to complete. The new Mr. Eggwards calendars will be mailed out to donors and prospective donors in January 2021 and will include an update on the state of the project. Denise further shared that an approximate \$565K in pledges had been received as of the pause of the campaign in March, 2020.

**Amphitheater Stage Wings Project** – Toni Shrewsbury reported that the PAC had been selected as a recipient of the Gwinnett Creativity Matching Funds Grant for the project, in the amount of \$15,000, and that artist Marc Moulton has been selected. She further shared that the project would be a joint

effort of both the PAC and the City's Public Works Department, who will be contracting with a concrete vendor to work closely with Mr. Moulton. The public art component will include inspirational quotes from musicians. Denise Brinson asked the PAC members to do some research and share suggestions for the quotes to be used. She asked that those suggestions be emailed to Toni.

Suwanee Arts Center (SAC/NGAA) – Denise Brinson reported that the following:

- A very successful gallery show was recently held
- The Center plans to go back to pre-COVID operating hours - possibly adding hours on Saturday and opening on Sundays for the first time
- The annual Car Show is coming up on November 7, 2021
- Classes will be restarting soon
- The Arts Festival will be held on May 7, 2022
- Annual planning event is tentatively scheduled for some time in December 2021.

### **Other**

Veteran's Memorial – Denise shared that the City had hired artist Marc Moulton, on a contract basis, to provide advice and guidance on pre-project planning.

Business Mural Participation – Toni reported that existing businesses, True Love Automotive and Still Fire Brewing, had each commissioned exterior murals which have been completed. She encouraged PAC members to visit the businesses and thank them for their support of public art in Suwanee.

Utilities Building Wall Mural – Toni advised that the mural project has been offered to the advanced art students at North Gwinnett High School under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Dallas Gillespie. The mural will be included in the 2022-2024 SculpTour exhibit. Mr. Gillespie has asked his students to present design ideas for the mural which will then be shared with the PAC for final selection. Toni advised that she is expecting to receive those designs by the end of the week.

Greystone Community Public Art Component – Toni informed the PAC that the developers of the Greystone community have commissioned Alpharetta artist and past SculpTour participant, Michael Dillon, to create a sculpture for the entrance to the community.

SculpTour 2022-2024 – Toni shared that the Request for the Proposals (RFP) for the upcoming 2022-2024 SculpTour exhibit will be released on November 1, 2021.

### **Adjournment**

Sean Mulligan moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. (Carla Hoff 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury