

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020
6:00 PM

Attending:

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

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

Call to Order

Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Keith Nabb moved to approve the February 12, 2020 minutes as presented.

(Cherie Heringer – 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Developer Presentations

Lawrenceville-Suwanee Center is a retail strip center located on the former McDonald's property on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road. In addition to retail, they plan to house a physician's office and possibly a pharmacy. Mr. Moez Hasni, with Atlanta NorthEast LLC., represented the project and reported that their plan is to include public art on-site. PAC members shared ideas and the services of the city's public art consultant were offered.

Jesus Hope Church will be including an addition to their existing church building on Smithtown Road. The project was represented by Hyun Chul Hwang, secretary of the church, Moses Yoon, CEO of Arcon Enterprises, Inc., and Charles Bythwood, with Arcon Enterprises. No previous thought had been given to including public art in the project, however, PAC members offered suggestions. Mr. Hwang will put Toni Shrewsbury in touch with the decision-makers when the church is nearing completion to continue discussion.

Art for All Campaign

Denise Brinson reported that the campaign is still on pause as the new park project has been delayed. Toni Shrewsbury is making calls to update those who have pledged support as well as to those who had been previously contacted but have not yet pledged. Lisa Winton suggested re-visiting kick-starting the campaign again at the beginning of October by having a campaign committee meeting.

Updates

Donated Mural – Toni shared that Buford artist, Kim Pitts, has completed the ‘Suwanee Rocks’ mural and that the city’s public works department is researching installation options.

Artsy Crosswalk – Toni reported that the design for the crosswalk has been selected and that the city has contracted with a local vendor, Concrete Resurfacing, for installation. Currently, the timeline for completion is approximately 8 weeks out.

Button Project – Toni reported that the Button Project has been put on hold due to uncertainty in funding due to Covid -19.

North Gwinnett Arts Association – Cherie Heringer shared the following updates for the center:

- The gallery and welcome center are now open with temporarily shorter hours. People are beginning to visit.
- There had been a termite issue with the center, however, the management company has taken care of it at no cost to the North Gwinnett Arts Association.
- They have received grants which they are using to beef up the organization’s online presence.
- The center has been rebranded – the new name is Suwanee Arts Center. The organization itself is still known as the North Gwinnett Arts Association.
- An online exhibition is in the works.
- Arts in the Park has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Other

Denise Brinson shared that public art for the new Municipal Court building addition will be a mural or other form of a wall treatment on the exterior wall(s) facing the parking lot and/or both sides of the smaller retaining wall which faces Buford Highway. The city will put out a call to artists via a Request for Qualifications. The selection is being done a City Council/Staff level.

Adjournment

Berney Kirkland moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury