

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SUWANEE**  
**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**

**Attending:**

Commission members: Keith Nabb, Debra Barnhart, Carla Hoff, Cherie Heringer (left 7:20 p.m.), Lisa Winton (arrived 6:10 p.m.) (Absent- Susan Costley, Sean Mulligan)

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

**Call to Order**

Denise Brinson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Carla Hoff moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Keith Nabb– 2<sup>nd</sup>).  
Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Keith Nabb moved to approve the June 9, 2021 minutes as presented.  
(Carla Hoff– 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 4-0.

**Developer Presentations**

The Echo Park condominium project was represented by Bryan Ponder, Senior Vice President of Land Development and Acquisition with East Buford, LLC. Alyssa Durden advised the PAC that the best opportunity for public art within the development would be to add a mural to an existing concrete retaining wall that runs along Buford Highway directly in front of the community. PAC members supported the idea. Mr. Ponder agreed and committed to participating in the initiative by providing funding for a mural. City staff will follow up.

**Update'**

**Sculpture Maintenance-** Toni Shrewsbury shared that 'Windsculpture Weathervane' has been restored and returned to Sims Lake Park and that 'Watcher', also out for restoration, is expected to be returned to Sims Lake Park in September 2021. She further reported that the touch-up to the artsy crosswalk in Town Center Park was completed in July, 2021.

**Amphitheater Stage Wings Project** – Toni advised with the PAC that the City will be tackling the maintenance of the grassy, triangular shaped stage wings just to the right and left of the amphitheater stage in Town Center Park. Erosion, due to water run-off, dictates that the existing grassy area be paved. In a joint effort of the PAC and the City's Public Works Department, the decision was made to add elements of public art to the paved areas. Staff has applied for the Gwinnett Creativity Matching Funds Grant for funding assistance.

Utilities Wall Mural – Toni advised that the brick enclosure surrounding the generator, in the back parking lot at City Hall, is still a prime spot for a small mural and mentioned that honors arts students at North Gwinnett High School, led by teacher Dallas Gillespie, may be interested in creating a mural for the space. Lisa Winton suggested that the mural design should be considered as a part of the upcoming 2022-2024 ‘SculpTour’ Exhibit. PAC members agreed and requested that Toni to reach out to Mr. Gillespie. Toni will follow up.

Street Piano – Toni shared that an upright piano was donated to the City by the Masino family for our Street Piano project. Kathy de Cano, Meg Evans, and Shirley Shepherd, artist members of the Suwanee Arts Center, volunteered to paint a graphic design on the piano which has been placed in Town Center Park where visitors are encouraged to sit and play.

Suwanee Arts Center (SAC/NGAA) – Denise Brinson reported that Sheila Crumrine is in the process of putting a patron program in place which would encourage non-artist members of the community to sponsor, support, and engage in the arts through the Center.

### **Other**

Lisa Winton reported that former PAC member and community business owner, Suzanne Holtkamp, would like to host a PAC get-together at her home. Lisa asked the PAC to consider possible dates.

Toni reminded the PAC to RSVP for the Team Suwanee Tent if they plan to attend the upcoming August Concert.

Denise mentioned that there may be a possibility of switching the monthly meetings from in-person to the Zoom format due to the latest pandemic concerns. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and make that decision as more information becomes available.

### **Adjournment**

Lisa Winton moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. (Keith Nabb 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury