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CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
6:00 PM

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

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

Call to Order
Cherie Heringer called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda
Annie Davis moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Susan Costley – 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes
Susan Costley moved to approve the July 10, 2019 minutes as presented (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Developer Presentation
Southeastern Freight Lines (SEFL) was represented by Mr. W.T. Brogdon, Vice President of Real Estate for SEFL and Mr. Billy Gatlin, Senior Construction Manager with D.F. Chase, Inc. The project involves a future expansion of an existing terminal as well as a proposed new shop. Estimated costs are $1.6M. Mr. Brogdon informed the commission members that the project is ill-suited for the inclusion of public art since the public will have no access to the area. He was, however, interested in participating in the initiative by way of making a donation to the 'Art for All' campaign. Toni Shrewsbury will make an appointment for Denise Brinson to meet with Mr. Brogdon and the owner of SEFL to discuss the campaign.

Tench Road Tract was represented by Mr. Will Harper, Land Operations Manager, with The Providence Group. The project is an 85-unit, townhome community located on Tench Road. The Providence Group has participated in the percent for art initiative through previous projects in Suwanee and plans to again participate with this project. They are considering incorporating public art into a hard-scape plaza area or possibly the entrance into the community.

Updates
- Capital Campaign and Good 2 Give Celebration – Denise Brinson reported that $378K has been donated to date to the 'Art for All' campaign. Sue Mayer, an employee of Columns Fundraising, continues to make calls and set appointments with prospective donors. Denise further shared that staff has applied for a National Endowment for the Arts grant in the amount of $200K – grant recipients to be announced in April 2020.

Denise reminded the commission that Sheila Crumrine will be hosting a wine tasting event at the Edinburgh clubhouse on September 27, 2019, in an effort to introduce the campaign to members of her community. She also shared that the Good 2 Give Celebration, held in August, provided excellent publicity for the campaign with our promotional video shown at the event and a local publication featuring the event itself.

- <u>SculpTour 2019-2021</u> – Denise shared a draft of the SculpTour exhibit brochure.
- <u>North Gwinnett Arts Association</u> – Cherie Heringer shared the following updates:
  - They are talking with the principals at Still Fire Brewery about hosting the 2020 Soiree and have come up with a theme for the event.
  - They are operating with strong reserves.
  - They have instituted a marketing plan for comprehensive fundraising which will include all of the events on the 2020 calendar.
  - A new exhibit will open in the gallery on September 27, 2019 – they will have hosted a total of 6 well-attended exhibits by the end of 2019.
  - Fall class schedules are set.
  - They are talking with Heartis of Suwanee about offering classes to their residents.
  - They are still accepting artists for the Suwanee Fine Arts Festival coming up on October 5 and 6, 2019.
  - Cherie Heringer and Susan Costley attended a tax workshop for non-profits offered by the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia.
  - They are now offering a writers group.
  - The annual advisory board retreat is scheduled for November 2, 2019 at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All PAC members are invited to attend.

Adjournment

Susan Costley moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury