

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SUWANEE**  
**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**

**Attending:**

Commission members: Cherie Heringer, Keith Nabb, Sean Mulligan, Lisa Winton, Berney Kirkland (left at 7:15 p.m.), (Absent -Scott Auer), (One Vacancy).

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Kylie Adams

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Sean Mulligan moved to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2018 meeting as presented (Berney Kirkland 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Sean Mulligan moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Keith Nabb 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 5-0.

**Developer Presentation**

Kroger Fuel Center was represented by Ali Daughtry, a civil engineer with Robertson, Loia, Roof P.C., and Eyvonne Johnson, assistant real estate manager for Kroger. Ms. Daughtry shared that the existing canopy and pumps will be demolished and a new structure will be erected in another location of the parking lot. Ms. Johnson advised that the relocation will allow them to double the amount of pump stations that they currently offer while adding fifty-seven new trees to the site. Yvonne also shared that Kroger does not have the budget to participate in the percent for art initiative at the full one percent, as suggested, however, they would like to visit other, less expensive, ways to participate. Discussion ensued with the commission members offering several ideas. Ms. Johnson was interested in the idea of adding a mural to the side of the existing Kroger Supermarket, further stating that if they moved in that direction, they might like to engage local high school students in the creation of the mural. Ms. Johnson advised that she will present all ideas to Kroger corporate for direction. Denise Brinson offered the services of the City's public art consultant.

Northolt Retail met with the PAC members present at the August 1, 2018 meeting (Scott Auer, Cherie Heringer, Berney Kirkland). The developer was present; however, the PAC did not have a quorum. The project, a mixed-use, two-story medical office building with 7,000 square feet of restaurant space, was represented by Cory Cianci, owner of COR Properties. Mr. Cianci has previously participated in the percent for art initiative, purchasing two pieces of sculpture for a retail project located in the Terraces at Suwanee Gateway. Mr. Cianci shared that he plans to,

once again, participate in the initiative by relocating one of the two sculptures currently located on the retail property, to the new project site, once completed.

### **Project Updates**

- Capital Campaign - Denise Brinson shared that City Council has approved the contract with Columns Fundraising. Denise asked PAC members to send to her, names of prospective fundraising committee members as she is currently in the process of contacting potential candidates. She further shared that she had met with representatives from the Northeast Georgia Community Foundation (a 501C3 non-profit) to explore the opportunity of contracting with the foundation to create a Fiscal Sponsorship fund. Such a fund would assist in accepting fundraising donations while allowing the giver to claim their donations as tax deductible; the fund also allows for matching fund- type donations. Denise further advised that the City is in the process of putting together collateral items to hand out when visiting potential donors.

Cherie Heringer made a motion to recommend to City Council, the use of the Fiscal Sponsorship fund as administered by the Northeast Georgia Community Foundation (Keith Nabb 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Motion carried 4-0.

- Berlin Wall – Denise shared that 7,000- pound piece of wall has been relocated to Town Center Park. A new plaque will be created, acknowledging the donation by Ray Stanjevich and Suzanne Cartwright, who were recognized at the last council meeting.
- SculpTour – Regarding moving forward with hosting a Mellow Mushroom- sponsored sculpture exhibit in 2019, Denise advised that staff created a formal presentation which was created and delivered to Mellow Mushroom corporate. We are currently waiting to hear back from them. If Mellow Mushroom decides not to participate, we will move forward with another round of SculpTour (2019-2021).
- North Gwinnett Arts Association (NGAA) – Keith Nabb and Cherie Heringer shared the following updates:
  - Current gallery show has been the most successful show to date in terms of attendance, the number of experienced artists participating, and art sales.
  - The NGAA is currently working on building the 2019 Board.
  - The NGAA received its first bona fide grant in the amount of \$2,500 from Explore Gwinnett for the Jazz Fest.
  - Explore Gwinnett has committed to sponsor Jazz Fest at the \$2,000 level in celebration of 'Artober'.
  - Jazz Fest sponsorships sold to date total \$9,000.
  - The board is putting together both a 3, and 5-year plan.

### **Other**

- Denise invited Lisa Winton to represent the PAC at the City Council workshop on September 13,2018.
- Lisa Winton and Sean Mulligan suggested hosting a guided “farewell tour’ for the current SculpTour exhibit before it is removed in March, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

Cherie Heringer moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. (Sean Mulligan 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury