

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
5:00 PM

Attending:

Commission members: Cherie Heringer, Keith Nabb, Sean Mulligan, Lisa Winton, Berney Kirkland (left meeting at 6:50 p.m.), (Scott Auer-Absent), (One Vacancy).

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury, Alyssa Durden

Call to Order

Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

Berney Kirkland moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 5-0.

Developer Presentation

Southern Wall Systems, to be located on Lot 3A on Satellite Boulevard, was represented by Bennie Sims, president of Inland Sims Development LLC. Mr. Sims advised that the project will be located in a largely industrial area and therefore not conducive for the display of public art. After talking with the PAC members about other options for participation, Mr. Sims was very interested in the possibility of either purchasing a piece from SculpTour 2017-2019 and donating it back to the City or making a monetary donation to Capital Campaign fund. Toni Shrewsbury will provide Mr. Sims with a list of sculptures available, to include pricing.

Project Updates

- **SculpTour 2019** – Denise Brinson shared that she and Toni Shrewsbury are working with staff at Mellow Mushroom corporate - additional information regarding the available sculptures is necessary before a final selection can be made.
- **Capital Campaign** - Denise informed PAC members that “The Big Artsy” event, which will provide a forum to introduce both the new SculpTour exhibit, and the Capital Campaign to the public, has been pushed back to August or September of 2019. She envisions that early donors to the campaign will be recognized in some manner at the event. She further shared that two Capital Campaign groups have been formed – the “Campaign Committee” and the “Friends of the Campaign”. The names of those serving were shared with the PAC along with a draft copy of the capital campaign brochure. Lisa Winton suggested the possibility that a Mellow Mushroom-hosted kick-off party could serve to introduce the new SculpTour exhibit.
- **North Gwinnett Arts Association** – Cherie Heringer, nominated for incoming-president to replace vacating president, Keith Nabb, informed the PAC that board member elections would be held at the members meeting on January 17th at the arts center.

Susan Costley has been nominated for the position of vice president. Additional updates were:

- The organization is striving for a broader reach to the public regarding class schedules and membership information.
- A new exhibit will be opening at the gallery on February 1, 2019.
- Glow in the Park lantern-making classes will be offered at Level Creek Baptist Church.
- “Friends” sculptor, Nnamdi Okonkwo will be the guest speaker at the March meeting.
- Suwanee Soiree – Keith Nabb is talking with Solis about donating space on the property for the event.
- Cherie is working to put together a comprehensive sponsorship program that will be consistent throughout all of the events held by the NGAA.
- They are still in negotiation with the Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces to manage Suwanee’s Fine Arts Festival 2019.

Other

- Denise advised that the PAC chair and co-chair appointments had expired. Cherie Heringer made a motion for Lisa Winton, current president, to continue to serve as chair and Sean Mulligan to serve as co-chair (Keith Nabb 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.
- The current vacancy on the PAC was discussed and it was decided that potential members should be invited to attend the February meeting. Denise will extend the invitation.

Adjournment

Keith Nabb moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. (Sean Mulligan 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury