

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING – ZOOM CALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021
6:00 PM

Attending:

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

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury

Call to Order

Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

Sean Mulligan moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Keith Nabb– 2nd).

Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Costley moved to approve the November 30, 2020 minutes as presented.

(Cherie Heringer – 2nd). Motion carried 6-0.

Developer Presentations

Graystone Townhomes – The Taylor Morrison signature-series townhome community, located on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, was represented by Ted Turner, Vice President of Land Acquisition and Development, Brian Taylor, Land Development Director, and Amanda Mooney, Landscape Architect with Mooney Design Studio. Mr. Turner previously worked with the PAC on another Suwanee community, Pulte’s The Reserve at Moore Road, which included a bronze equine installation. He confirmed that Taylor Morrison will be participating in the percent for art initiative and Mrs. Mooney shared that she is already working with Landis Sculpture Studio in Atlanta, on a design for a piece that will be located at front entrance to the community.

Town Center/Buford Highway Mural Project

Toni Shrewsbury reported that Atlanta artist Corey Barksdale was selected for the Town Center/Buford Highway mural project. City staff, along with PAC Chair, Lisa Winton, and wall-owner, Kevin O’Brien will be consulting with Corey to develop a design concept. Installation will work around the Department of Transportation’s scheduled Buford Highway project and will be completed by May, 2021.

Art for All Campaign

Denise Brinson shared that we are not quite ready to ramp up the fundraising campaign after the pause initiated in early 2020 due to the pandemic. Roll out may not happen until work

begins on the new park, Town Center on Main. In the meantime, staff is researching fundraising efforts.

Updates

Municipal Court Mural – Toni reported that the artist, Lauren Stumberg, has begun work on the mural. She also shared a photo of the piece in process.

North Gwinnett Arts Association – Denise Brinson informed the PAC that in 2019, prior to the pandemic, the organization had a tremendous year. However, the pandemic has been a challenge for the arts center. City Council voted to provide an increased stipend, for a 6 month period, to help with pandemic relief. Denise further shared that new officers have been elected. The board will hold a retreat in February 2021, with Lisa Winton serving as moderator.

Other

Denise Brinson reported that public arts commission member, Berney Kirkland, has retired and plans to relocate which will leave a vacancy on the commission. She reminded the PAC that Debra Barnhart, Suwanee resident, has been interested in joining the PAC and was interviewed last year for a vacancy that was open at that time. Commission members advised Denise to reach out to Ms. Barnhart to see if she is interested in serving on the PAC. If so, the PAC will make a recommendation to City Council for appointment at the March meeting.

Adjournment

Lisa Winton moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. (Sean Mulligan 2nd). Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury