

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SUWANEE**  
**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

**Attending:**

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

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury

**Call to Order**

Sean Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Susan Costley 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 December 11, 2019 minutes as presented.

(Susan Costley – 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 4-0.

**Artsy Crosswalk in Town Center**

Denise Brinson and Toni Shrewsbury shared that the City is looking into using a local vendor, Concrete Resurfacing, to apply Stardek, a product that will color the existing concrete surface, to the crosswalk located between Ippolito's and Pulse Nail Bar in Town Center. The design submitted by local artist, Gerard Gorman, will be used to create the template for the stencil.

**Mural Donation Request**

Denise and Toni advised that local mural artist, Kim Pitts, has offered to donate a 10' x 5' mural to the City. It was mutually agreed that the mural, a tribute to rock stars, be located on a rear wall of the stage wing in Town Center. The donation policy and artist process are currently being reviewed by City staff.

**Updates**

**Art for All Campaign** – Denise Brinson shared that local small businesses, families, and individuals are supporting the effort with campaign pledges currently totaling approximately \$565K. The majority of those funds were gifted by four generous donors; Reeves Young, Quantum National Bank, Southeastern Freight Lines, and Solis. Denise further advised that she hopes to end the campaign at the end of 2020. Toni shared that staff has applied for the following grants:

- Scott Hudgens Family Foundation
- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

- Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia
- Northside Hospital

Developer Update – Toni shared an updated list of developers who have come before the PAC along with the participation outcomes (see attached). The majority of completed developments, at 80 percent, have participated in the Developer Percent for Public Art initiative by either including public art within their projects or donating to the City’s public art fund.

North Gwinnett Arts Association (NGAA) – Susan Costley shared the following updates:

- The Suwanee Soiree will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at The River Club – tickets are now on sale.
- The Jazz Fest will be presented on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Three of the projected four performing artists are under contract.
- Classes are in full-swing.
- Chris Anderson, board member, is working on expanding marketing opportunities.

**Other**

Gwinnett Button Project – Denise explained that the project, spearheaded by Button Art, Inc., will manage, create, and install 200 original button sculptures throughout the County in recognition of the County’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The City has been asked to participate through the purchase and display of an artistically decorated, 5 foot in diameter, button. Denise asked PAC members to review the catalog of available buttons and select their top ten favorites. City staff is currently doing due diligence on the project before committing to participate.

**Adjournment**

Susan Costley moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. (Cherie Heringer 2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury