

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) MEETING
Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Attending:

Commission members: Vickie Johnson, Dick Goodman, Cherie Heringer, Berney Kirkland, Suzanne Holtkamp, Lisa Winton, Tim O'Brien (arrived 6:10 PM).

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Shrewsbury

Call to Order

Vickie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Berney Kirkland moved to approve the minutes from February 4, 2015 meeting as presented (Lisa Winton 2nd). Motion carried 6-0.

Adoption of Agenda

Lisa Winton moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Berney Kirkland 2nd). Motion carried 6-0.

Downtown Suwanee Master Plan

(PAC interview conducted by TSW)

Ben W. Giles, consultant with TSW, conducted an interview with the PAC members regarding issues, priorities and suggestions for the downtown area.

Public Art Master Plan (PAMP)

Denise Brinson shared that an impressive PAMP Advisory Committee has been formed and will be meeting at City Hall on March 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM. PAMP consultants, Todd Bressi and Meredith McKinley, will be in attendance.

Project Updates

SculpTour – Denise Brinson suggested that prize money for the 2013 SculpTour exhibit be determined at the April meeting.

Toni Shrewsbury shared that the current 2013 exhibit will be taken down the week of April 1 – 4, and the new 2015 exhibit will go up during the week of May 4 – 8. There are 17 new sculptures in total.

Fundraising/Awareness Event – Cherie Heringer, chair of the event, reported that her new contact at Pulte, Sean Clancy, VP of Sales, has given approval to host the event based on an earlier proposal she had provided.

She has since submitted, to Sean, a list of detailed questions regarding what can and cannot be done to the model home with regards to decorating. There has been no response to date.

North Gwinnett Arts Association – Vickie Johnson reported that the NGAA is hard at work planning for the Arts in the Park festival to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Vickie also shared that there is a possibility that the NGAA could find a home in an empty retail unit here in the City of Suwanee. She expects to hear a final decision in the coming weeks.

Denise Brinson led a discussion regarding the use of the sculpture 'Tic Tac Toe City Bench' at the Arts in the Park festival. The artist would assemble the piece on the pavers located in the median in front of City Hall during the festival as a public art demonstration. The piece would remain on display in that location until otherwise decided by the City. It would be sponsored by the PAC but not an official part of SculpTour. **Lisa Winton moved to accept 'Tic Tac Toe City Bench' for temporary display (Berney Kirkland 2nd). Motion carried 7-0.**

Other

Denise reported that Peter Kageyama, an internationally recognized expert on community development and grassroots engagement, will be speaking in Suwanee during several events March 23-25. The Public Art Commission was invited to attend any of the activities including a reception, community workshop, and partners luncheon.

The PAC members were encouraged to invite neighbors to participate in the workshop on the 24th. Toni Shrewsbury will forward an invitation that they can share via e-mail.

Adjournment

Vickie Johnson called for a motion to adjourn. Dick Goodman so moved at 7:40 PM (Cherie Heringer 2nd). Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Shrewsbury