

MINUTES
CITY OF SUWANEE
PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC)
330 TOWN CENTER AVENUE, SUWANEE, GA 30024
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
6:00 PM

Attending:

Commission members: Lisa Winton, Debra Barnhart, Jason Smith, Carla Hoff (Absent-Cherie Heringer, Keith Nabb, Sean Mulligan)

Staff: Denise Brinson, Toni Hardy, Kim Towne, Alyssa Durden

Call to Order

Lisa Winton called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Approval of August 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Debra Barnhart moved to approve the August 9, 2023 minutes as presented (Carla Hoff- 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

Adoption of the Agenda

Debra Barnhart moved to adopt the agenda as presented (Jason Smith– 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

Developer Presentation

The Turtle Car Wash project, to be located on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road in the former McDonald's location, was represented by owner, Moez Hasni. Mr. Hasni confirmed that he will participate in the developer percent for art initiative and presented his design concept to the PAC members. Mr. Hasni has commissioned artist, Gregory Johnson, to fabricate the sculpture. PAC members offered suggestions regarding placement of the piece as well as the services of the City's public art consultant.

Updates

Pierce's Corner Mural

Toni Hardy shared that the mural 'Futurist' was completed by artist Shannon Lake in December, 2023.

Veterans Memorial Project/Plaques Sold

Toni reminded the PAC that artist Michael Szabo had visited the installation site in Town Center on Main in February and will return, during the week of March 18, 2024, to install the base plates for the sculpture. Toni also reported that 179 memorial plaques had been purchased.

Town Center on Main

Denise provided an update on construction. Road paving will begin on April 22, and major construction will be completed on schedule by mid-June 2024.

Art for All Campaign

Denise gave an update regarding donations and sponsorships. Several invitation-only fundraising events will be held in the River Club, the first hosted by residents Todd and Debra Potter on March 21, 2024.

The goal is to secure 30 families with a donation of \$15,000 or greater to collectively sponsor the signature art piece. The entire Campaign has been very successful and the plan is to wrap up solicitations at the end of June with a final “big push” at an exclusive event called First Look – a park preview. The event is tentatively scheduled for June 20. If anyone is interested in attending either the house parties, or the First Look event and in being a prominent supporter, please contact Denise.

Public Art Fund Financial Report

Denise reported that the balance in the public art fund is currently \$325,080.96, including cash available for the Art for All Capital Campaign. She reported that the Art for All Capital Campaign fund held by the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia is showing a current collected balance of \$484,879.11.

Suwanee Arts Center

There are no updates to share at this time.

Other

Pedestrian Tunnel Public Art Project

Toni shared that the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), for the public art project, has been put together in draft form and is awaiting review by Norfolk Southern Corporation before it can be completed and released to the artist-community. Denise mentioned that an installation date for the completed project is estimated for late Spring 2025.

‘LIVES’ Piece

Denise was happy to report that the ‘LIVES’ piece, salvaged from the Gwinnett Water Towers, has been installed in Town Center on Main.

SculpTour Exhibit Extension

Toni confirmed that the current SculpTour exhibit, 2022-2024, has been extended one full year to March, 2025. All sculptures will remain in the exhibit with the exceptions of ‘Metaphysica’ and ‘Portal Majestic.’

PAC Tour of Town Center on Main

Denise invited the PAC members to join her for a tour of Town Center on Main on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Adjournment

Lisa Winton moved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. (Carla Hoff 2nd). Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes taken by Toni Hardy