



CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Department of Cultural Affairs

Art in Public Places Trust

Minutes: Wednesday, March 7, 2001 Meeting 4:00 PM, Thomas Center A, room 105 302 NE 6th Ave., Gainesville 32601

Members present: Brenda Brown; Bobby Hom; Wendy Sauls; Conchi Ossa, Morris Windhorst

Staff: Coni Gesualdi, Amy Dickerson

Visitors: Joy McBane, Denise Saurbrey, Michelle Palmer, Palmer Porter, Mike Toomey, Elizabeth Indianos, Howard Cohen, Alicia Kemper, Pam Mydock

- I. Solar System: Presentation of new proposal by Elizabeth Indianos was well received; she has utilized recycled materials in her new design which now has a budget of \$30,000. Plans by her engineer have been approved by first step, we have paid out her first contract for \$6,500, and everything is ready for the project to proceed from the city's standpoint. The Alachua Astronomy Club had committed to the remaining \$23,500, but they need to bring this back to their membership in early May because they have gained so many new members since the project was conceived. The okay is expected on May 15, 2001, and the Club has \$20,000 for the project, so they will then raise the outstanding \$3,500 if approved. At that point the next contract can be issued. Hopefully the project will be underway by summer.
- II. Creek Signage: Joy McBane, Environmental Specialist with Alachua County, addressed the group which included three people from Nature Operations. The County has already done extensive research on Creek

signage, and is coordinating with DOT, St. Johns River Water Management District and Public Works to install signage. They are using green and white metal signs, 10-12 are up, and 6-12 more are planned. SJRWMD has funded the project (\$10,000 this year, and \$10,000 next), and DOT has vetoed logos, emblems, designs, etc.. The County did some research on costs for wooden signs and they would be in the neighborhood of \$50-100,000. Costs and complications for metal signs are also contingent upon size; two posts are much more involved than one. It was decided to report this to the City Commission for further direction. Everyone agreed that one or two kiosks in the most central locations would be great.

- III. GTEC: Update on Tim Curtis: The artist selected for the site submitted a slide of a two-dimensional piece which could be used for the right lobby wall. The Trust was not satisfied with that piece, but agreed that they should do everything possible to honor Tim's contract. They asked Amy to call him and request more choices, preferably more uplifting and suited to the focus of the building; enterprise and growth, and possibly for other sites in the building. Everyone will visit the site and e-mail Amy feedback to convey to the artist. We will also take more photos and send these to Tim, and double check locations with Doug Murdock. Tim plans to have a new proposal to the APPT for their April 4th meeting.
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 6:00