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The Spruill Center for the Arts Announces a New, World-Class Visual Arts Facility

Arts center to be located in north Atlanta Perimeter area

The Spruill Center for the Arts is proud to announce that it is building a world-class art center and gallery complex on 5.2 acres of land it owns on Ashford Dunwoody Road, three blocks north of Perimeter Mall.

The Center is a 32-year-old, private, non-profit organization that has long-since outgrown its existing education and gallery facilities. This “New Spruill Center for the 21st Century” will serve thousands more people each year and will be a major arts resource for Metro Atlanta, the region, and for students and art educators nationally.

The new facility will comprise 45,000 s.f., and be built as part of a mixed-use development that will also feature 30,000 s.f. of retail space and 258 high-end residential units.

The Art Gallery will occupy 12,000 s.f. in the new facility. It will feature multiple exhibition galleries, an atrium, gift shop, 120-seat lecture theater (shared with the Education Center), office and storage areas, and a catering kitchen to support special events.

The Education Center will occupy the remainder of the space. Aside from a small administrative area, the balance of the space will be devoted to classrooms equipped and configured for outstanding art education classes. The goal is to provide people with a fun and fulfilling learning experience; to encourage, develop and celebrate the arts.

A free, covered parking deck will be adjacent to the Arts Center.

The historic Spruill farmhouse located on the property, currently in use as the Spruill Gallery, will be preserved at its site on the corner and will continue to be used to benefit the arts.

Existing art classes and programs will be retained. The new facility will allow the Center to offer more sessions of the most popular classes, to add new disciplines that cannot now be accommodated, and to add many more high-end, multi-day workshops. The present Education Center, in 10,500 s.f. leased from DeKalb County, is planned to be retained and used to expand children's art programming.

“The Spruill Center deeply appreciates the approvals it has received for this art center development from the Dunwoody Homeowners Association, as well as from DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones and the County Commission,” stated Robert Kinsey, CEO of the Center. “We could not have pulled off this amazing feat in support of the arts without the help and dedication of the Spruill family and dozens of other patrons.”

As articulated by Spruill Board President Tania Becker, “Art changes lives and improves the world. This new facility will greatly expand the positive influence of the arts in this city.”

The developers for this project are the Mulberry Development Group of Atlanta and Inland American Communities Group, Inc., of Dallas, Texas. The architects are NODUS LLC in Atlanta. Architectural work is well underway. Construction is set to begin by early 2008. Occupancy of the new arts center will be late 2009 to early 2010. This great project was facilitated by Wilson, Hull & Neal Real Estate and by Kim King Associates.

Although the multi-million dollar design and construction costs of the new art center have been covered by the Spruill Center for the Arts, a \$4,000,000 Capital and Endowment Campaign for equipping the facility, and providing future income, is being initiated. Naming and Presenting rights for various aspects of the art center are available, and major donors will be acknowledged on a permanent, prominent, multi-faceted basis. To learn more about opportunities to support the New Spruill Center, please contact the CEO, Robert Kinsey, at (770) 394-3447, ext 223, or rkinsey@spruillarts.org.

NOTE: Until architectural work is completed specifications are subject to change.