



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD

100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Montre Bennett at 6:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Andrea Sherman
Bob Costello, Second Vice Chair
Samuel Spear Jr.
Michelle Kaplan
Montre Bennett, Vice Chair

Absent:

Daniel Cianciotto

Staff present:

William Bennett, Assistant City Attorney
Rob Evans, Economic Development Manager, Board Liaison
Rafik Ibrahim, Principal Planner
Susana Rodrigues, Senior Planner
Marianne Rodriguez, Executive Assistant, City Clerk's Office
Jeane St. Luce, Executive Assistant

Roll was called and quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A Motion was made by Samuel Spear, seconded by Bob Costello to approve the agenda. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Member Samuel Spear introduced himself.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion was made by Bob Costello, seconded by Michelle Kaplan to approve July 22, 2025 Minutes. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Art Update – Marusca Gatto

Ms. Gatto was unable to attend the meeting.

B. Utility Box Wrapping Update

Second Vice Chair Bob Costello expressed his concern that the City has not done anything on this project. Rob Evan, Board Liaison, discussed his commitment to progressing the project over the next month. Board Member Samuel Spear stated since he is new, he would like to be caught up on what is happening on the project. Second Vice Chair Bob Costello provided an update on the project. Discussion ensued on the project.

C. Heritage Art Project Update

Michiko Kurisu provided an overview and update on the project. Discussion ensued on the materials used and the advertisement of the project.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Maxwell Mural (File No. 2024-153): Consideration of the installation of a mural on the west façade of The Maxwell development located at 306 NE 2nd Street

Address: 360 NE 2nd Street

PCN: 12-43-46-16-01-090-0250

Property Owner: 306 NE 2nd Avenue LLC

Designated Agent: Carter Van Voris

**Project Planner: Susana Rodriguez, Senior Planner;
rodriguez@mydelraybeach.com**

Vice Chair Montre Bennett read application File No. 2025-165 into the record.

William Bennett, Assistant City Attorney, advised Board of the rules.

Vice Chair Montre Bennett read the Quasi-Judicial Rules prior to the discussion of the item.

Marianne Rodriguez, Executive Assistant and Notary Public, swore in those wishing to speak.

All Board members confirmed they have no ex parte communications regarding the project.

Susana Rodriguez, Senior Planner, introduced herself to the Board. She read application File No. 2025-165 into the record.

Carter Van Voris, VAP Group, introduced herself to the Board. She shared a slide presentation which provided an overview of the proposed design for the mural.

Second Vice Chair Bob Costello asked when construction is scheduled to begin. Ms. Van Voris stated construction is scheduled to begin in 2026.

Susana Rodriguez, Senior Planner, shared a slide presentation which provided an overview of the project and the criteria of public art. She elaborated about the color of the blue that was selected for the mural.

Vice Chair Montre Bennett opened the hearing for any members of the public to speak. No one wished to speak.

The Public Art Advisory Board opened for discussion.

Board Member Michelle Kaplan asked the applicant regarding the maintenance of the mural. Ms. Van Voris stated the mural would require little maintenance since it is tile. A special sunscreen will be placed on the mural to help reduce any cracking and fading.

Discussion ensued regarding the mural.

Board Member Samuel Spear questioned if lighting was considered for the mural. Ms. Van Voris stated due to FEC regulations lighting would be considered at a later date with the permit process. Additionally, lighting will be from the roof.

Motion was made by Bob Costello to **APPROVE** (File No. 2024-153) for the mural on the west façade of consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meets criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations, seconded by Michelle Kaplan. **MOTION TO APPROVE.** All in favor, non opposed.

In a roll vote Motion **PASSED (5-0)**

9. COMMENTS:

A. Comments by Staff

Rob Evans, Economic Development Manager, Board Liaison, stated in the following month he will work on the utility box wrapping project and will bring an update forward next month.

B. Comments By Board Members

Second Vice Chair Bob Costello questioned if the Board required an election this meeting. William Bennett, Assistant City Attorney, advised he spoke with Assistant City Manager Jeff Oris and confirmed the by-laws state an annual election in September; therefore, he did not place an election on this agenda.

Board Member Andrea Sherman expressed her concern about why the Board was not more discriminating on the color of the blue for the previous mural. Vice Chair Montre Bennett stated staff did not have an issue with the color of the blue that was chosen. Discussion ensued.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.



Board Liaison



Board Chair

12/10/25

Date

12/16/2025

Date