



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, October 24, 2022

6:00 p.m.

City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Max Zengage

Samuel Spear

Joseph Aronstein

Andrea Sherman

Vassoula Vasiliou

Staff present:

Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager, Board Liaison

Kelly Brandon, Assistant City Attorney

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to approve the agenda.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a. Chairperson

b. Vice Chairperson

c. Second Vice Chairperson

Ms. Brandon noted the election timeline was moved from September due to the hurricane. She noted an election can be made by a motion, a second, and a vote.

Mr. Zengage expressed interest in continuing to serve as Chairperson.

Motion made by Ms. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Spear to nominate Max Zengage as Chairperson.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Zengage, seconded by Ms. Vasiliou to nominate Joseph Aronstein as Vice Chairperson.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Zengage, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to nominate Vassoula Vasiliou as Second Vice Chairperson.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 23, 2022, Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Aronstein, seconded by Mr. Spear to approve the August 23, 2022, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lark Keeler (3116 Spanish Trail, Delray Beach) asked for an update on animal sculpture donation. She thanked the DDA for the First Friday Artwalk. She also asked if the Board may have the opportunity to lead the Call for Art to replace the Dancing Pineapple mural.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Four Murals on the North, South, East, and West Elevations Titled

Mr. Zengage read the quasi-judicial procedures.

Marianne Rodriguez, Public Notary, swore in participants wishing to speak.

Mr. Oris introduced application 2022-244.

Ex-Parte Communications

Mr. Zengage asked each Board member to disclose ex-parte communications. No Board member had ex-parte communications.

Anibal Fernandez, Deerfield Beach, introduced himself and reviewed his application. He noted the DDA recommended approval with a condition that a pineapple be added in place of the proposed hookah on the south (front) elevation.

Mr. Oris reviewed the staff report. He noted the building was built in 1959 as Byrd's Auto Shop, which was in business until 2016. Since then, it has functioned as a business office and is currently a retail store "Vapes N Smoke." The proposed murals will be airbrushed on all the elevations. The type of paint that will be used is Benjamin Moore with a UV Flat Clear protection. He continued by reviewing the nine (9) criteria outlined in the LDR Section 8.5.2(A) – Criteria for Board Action. He summarized the three options for Board Motions.

Public Comment

Ms. Lark Keeler (3116 Spanish Trail, Delray Beach) asked about other murals Mr. Fernandez completed. She also asked about the characters and symbols in the design. She recommended continuing the item with direction.

Alice Spence (Delray Beach) asked to see the mural designs on the screen. Ms. Brandon replied there are some technical difficulties.

Mr. Zengage closed public comments.

Board Discussion

Mr. Fernandez further described the design and noted the squares are the windows.

Discussion ensued about the design.

Ms. Vasiliou asked to see additional murals completed by the artist.

Mr. Spear discussed other artwork in the neighborhood and the incompatibility. He noted the artwork should be exceptional since it is the entrance to Delray Beach.

Mr. Aronstein said he does not believe the proposal meets the LDR criteria.

Ms. Sherman agreed that it does not meet the standard.

Mr. Zengage requested a more detailed rendering and documentation of previous work. He recommended removing the Star of David symbol from the design. He asked for paint specification.

Mr. Spear said he would deny the application.

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to deny the painting of a mural (2022-244) on the north elevation located at 1133 West Atlantic Avenue, by finding that the request is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and does not meet criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to deny the painting of a Mural (2022-244) on the south elevation located at 1133 West Atlantic Avenue, by finding that the request is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and does not meet criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to deny the painting of a Mural (2022-244) on the east elevation located at West Atlantic Avenue, by finding that the request is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and does not meet criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to deny the painting of a Mural (2022-244) on the west elevation located at 1133 West Atlantic Avenue, by finding that the request is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and does not meet criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

B. Discussion Regarding Meeting Dates for November and December of 2022

Mr. Oris reviewed the upcoming meetings. He noted the November meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2022, and the December meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2022.

Ms. Vasiliou said she will be away for the December date. Consensus was reached to move the December meeting to December 28, 2022.

9. STAFF AND BOARD COMMENTS

A discussion ensued about the appeals process, code enforcement, zoning, and murals. Mr. Oris noted he can discuss with Development Services the quality of materials submitted during the application process.

Ms. Vasiliou asked for an update on the RFP process and Master Plan memo. Mr. Oris said he has not yet presented to the City Commission.

Mr. Oris confirmed the Knowles Knot was painted but it recently sustained damage from a vehicle collision. The City will be reaching out to the artist.

Marusca Gatto, DDA Downtown Activation Manager, shared that the City has authorized the DDA to oversee Old School Square. She described the phased approach, including three upcoming exhibitions. She mentioned collaborating with the Historical Society to develop tours of the campus. She also summarized upcoming activations of the Old School Square lawn, including seating. She noted they will work with the City Attorney to draft the Interlocal agreement. She reviewed additional upcoming holiday events.

Mr. Zengage stated the City Manager denied the animal sculpture donation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Board Liaison

Date

Board Chair

Date