



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

6:00 p.m.

City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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. Aronstein, seconded by Ms. Vasiliou to add introduction of new Board members, and approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Spear introduced himself and shared his background. Ms. Sherman introduced herself and shared her background. The remaining Board members introduced themselves to the new members.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 26, 2022, Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Aronstein, seconded by Ms. Vasiliou to approve the July 26, 2022, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

5. LEGAL TRAINING

Ms. Brandon reviewed the following:

- Public Records

- Sunshine Law
- Meeting Requirements
- Ethics and Financial Disclosures
- Quasi-judicial Hearings
- Ex-parte Communications

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to move 8A before 7A.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Art Projects Update

Marusca Gatto, Downtown Activation Manager, introduced herself and provided the following updates for FY 2022-2023:

- Plans to extend the Art Walks year-round with music and art activation
- Four (4) upcoming Art & Jazz on the Avenue
- Announcement of the disbanding of the Pineapple Grove Arts District
- Developing QR codes for the Delray Beach Art Trail
- Dancing Pineapples owner is looking to replace with a new mural
- Brochure update
- Visitor's Center bathroom mural

A brief discussion ensued about the Dancing Pineapples mural replacement.

Mr. Spear asked about the Call for Public Art process for a project like the bathroom murals. Ms. Gatto replied that a process has not yet been determined for that project.

Consensus was reached to allow public comment.

Ron Rizzi, former President of the Delray Art League, spoke about fundraising events and C3 development.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Aronstein, seconded by Mr. Spear to move 7A to 8D.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS (con't)

B. Mural Project (2022-226): Consideration of Three Murals on the East and Southeast Elevations Located at 166 SE 2nd Avenue

Mr. Zengage read the quasi-judicial procedures.

The City Clerk swore in participants wishing to speak.

Mr. Oris introduced application 2022-226.

Ex-Parte Communications

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

Brian Rosen, 106 NE 16th Street, Delray Beach, introduced himself and reviewed his application and addressed how it complies with the LDR.

Mr. Oris reviewed the staff report. He referenced a note by staff whether the text on one of the murals would be considered a commercial message.

Public Comment

No one came forth to speak on the item.

Mr. Rosen further explained the “OG” text. He said they would be willing to alter the text if necessary.

Board Discussion

Ms. Sherman does not have an issue with the interior wall and the “OG” text.

Mr. Aronstein does not object to the “OG” text.

Mr. Spear expressed thoughts about the “Day of the Dead Art” mural and possible incompatibility with the Haitian neighborhood. Mr. Rosen further reviewed the murals and their locations.

Ms. Vasiliou has no objection to the murals.

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Ms. Sherman to approve the Tropic Theme painting of a mural (2022-226) on the east elevation located at 166 SE 2nd Avenue, by finding that the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meets criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Ms. Sherman to approve Pop Art painting of a Mural (2022-226) on the southeast elevation located at 166 SE 2nd Avenue, by finding that the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meets criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Ms. Sherman to approve the Day of the Dead painting of a Mural (2022-226) on the southwest elevation located at 166 SE 2nd Avenue, by finding that the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meets criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

C. Consideration of a Mural Application (2022-227) Associated with the Painting of a Mural on a Masonry Wall of the West Elevation at 325 NE 3rd Avenue

Mr. Oris introduced application 2022-227.

Ex-Parte Communications

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

Glazen Leroy, 710 SE 4th Avenue, Delray Beach, introduced himself on behalf of the applicant, Josh Abrams. He reviewed the mural design concept and compliance with the LDR.

Mr. Oris reviewed the staff report and noted there were no objections.

Public Comment

No one came forth to speak on the item.

Board Discussion

Ms. Sherman asked about the medium. Mr. Leroy said 75% is spray paint and the intricate areas will be paint. He recommended anything facing south should have a UV coating after the first year but noted this mural is facing west.

Mr. Spear stated they should make UV coating a condition. A discussion ensued about UV coating.

Mr. Zengage said the design contributes to the architectural features of the building.

Motion made by Mr. Spear, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to approve the painting of a mural (2022-227) on the west elevation located at 325 NE 3rd Avenue, by finding that the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meets criteria set forth in Chapter 8 of the Land Development Regulations, with the condition the project is coated with UV protection.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

D. Consideration of Animal Sculpture Donation from the Paris Estate

Mr. Samuel Paris introduced himself to the Board and provided background on the item.

Mr. Oris stated that Parks and Recreation are not in support of accepting the donation due to liability and they expressed additional concerns about cost for moving the art and maintenance.

Ms. Brandon clarified for the new Board members that this recommendation goes to City Commission for final decision.

Mr. Paris said he would be willing to move the sculptures himself.

Mr. Zengage noted over 250 residents signed a letter of support.

A discussion ensued about the maintenance, liability, and sculpture locations.

Mr. Zengage reviewed the revised application.

Motion made by Mr. Aronstein, seconded by Mr. Spear to accept the donation of the Animal Sculptures listed in the revised application.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Aronstein, seconded by Mr. Spear that the Animal Sculptures donation collection be grouped in a location as designated in the revised application.

Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

9. STAFF AND BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Oris is still working on a maintenance quote for the Knowles Knots.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Board Liaison

Date

Board Chair

Date