

HPDS Advisory Committee Public Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019

Call to Order: The open meeting of this Committee was called to order at 5:30pm by Carol Snyder in the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

Certificate of Appropriateness List: Jill Strube circulated a list of previously approved Certificates of Appropriateness, some of which were administratively approved because they mainly had to do with film activities in town and were temporary in nature.

COA Applicant Presentation: Walter Winslett, business owner, made a brief presentation about the history of his building and for the application of a mosaic for the side of his building, Mosaic. The artist, Stephanie DeStephano, was present to explain her proposed project and to answer any questions from the committee members and audience. She stated that

- 1.) the proposed mosaic of local artist Hannibal Lokumbe would be approximately 20.5' x 32' in a wooden frame and that it would be attached to the building "by whatever mastic/adhesive would be good for the building itself." David Harrington and Caroline Noya had specifically asked about this.;
- 2.) the materials used in the mosaic were going to be tiles (handmade and commercial) and mirror;
- 3.) it would be a self-sustaining piece and there would be no need to clean it (not a burden for the City or business owner to maintain). She would include a plaque to explain the story of the mural, which members thought would be helpful.
- 4.) Questions posed were about
 - a.) how the mural would be attached to the building – *by whatever mastic/product is necessary/available or even bolted to the side of the building,*
 - b.) how it would affect the integrity of the building – *it will not. Could be in a frame and attached by bolts or other product so as not to affect the building's structural integrity.,*
 - c.) whether or not the mirrors used in the mural might affect any nearby tenants or drivers when the sun/headlights of vehicles hit it at different times of the day – *this will not likely be a problem as the mosaic will be on the North side of the structure, but "it can be fixed if it is a problem."*,
 - d.) if the building gets sold at a later date, what would happen to the mosaic art piece? - *That will be a decision between the new owner and the artist to discuss. It could be removed or it could stay in place. The artist owns the piece.*
- 5.) **Comments:** Carol Snyder read an e-mail from absent committee member, Sarah O'Brien, in support of the mural. City Manager was present and was in support of the project.
- 6.) **Motion:** Nancy Cathermann moved that the proposed project be approved. April Daniels seconded. Motion voted on and passed by Committee members. Carol Snyder will recommend approval to the City Council at 1/13/2020 City Council meeting.

COA Form: A discussion was held regarding some changes to the COA form. The Lessee has been informed; the building owner must sign the form, the business owner could sign but that would be between the landlord and tenant. If anyone has further comments, please let Jill Strube know!

Adjournment: With no further business, April Daniels moved, Caroline Noya seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Noya, Committee Member