

SMITHVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION & DESIGN STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes: November 4, 2020 - Meeting

PRESENT: Nancy Catherman, Caroline Noya, David Herrington, Jill Strube, April Daniels, Carol Snyder, Sarah O'Brien and 3 Guests (Robert Tamble, Stefani DiStefano, Ted Levieux, Jill Strube)

Absent: Mike Hightower

Called to order at 4:30 pm

- Presentation of vide by Stefani Distefano regarding the Hannibal Lokumbe mural. Walter Winslett discussed the history of the mosaic, the recommendation to City Council regarding the mural. Walter explained he is the owner of Mosaic, the building in question. He discussed the minutes of the 12/2019 meeting of this Committee and discussed his understanding of the agreement and the Committee's vote. He stated that the building owners are fully behind the proposed mosaic.
- Sarah O'Brien discussed the mural and suggested this is an appropriate mural/art piece. Sarah also stated that she recommends the mural.
- Caroline Noya expressed concerns about safety, liability and adherence to the wall re: the mural.
- April Daniels is in favor of the art piece being adhered directly to the brick per the advice of the artist and the location the owner and artist recommend.
- Nancy Catherman said she thought the artwork would be higher up on a frame and backing that would be bolted to the building. Objects to the location and is concerned about vandalism.
- Carole Snyder read a remark from Judy Smith regarding the project which expressed concern about the appropriateness of the piece and the safety of the piece.
- David Herrington stated that he had the same understanding as Nancy Catherman regarding the mural in that he thought the mural was going to be mounted on a frame and would not be adhered to the brick and could be relocated if needed.
- Jill Strube read Shawna Bridgeman's comments and questions: 1. What is being used to adhere the glass to the building; and 2. Would this allow for the same types of installations in the future on other buildings within this historic district?
- Stefani Distefano addressed issued and answered questions as noted. Stated she will not be the owner of the artwork as it is a commissioned piece – the building owners will own the artwork. She stated that her recommendations are the best and safest way to create this mosaic.
- Nancy Catherman said she had reviewed the previous Motion in the 12/2019 HPDS Minutes that she made. She states that it is clear this mural was approved with no requirements. Stefani Distefano stated that she did not represent to the Committee that she would create the mural on a board or frame but rather that she would research that option. Nancy Catherman reiterated that she had concerns about the piece and that there was a misunderstanding on the par of some of the Committee members.
- April Daniels asked for a reading of the original language from the COA that Walter Winslett and Stefani Distefano submitted for the mural. The language clearly notes that the mosaic would be directly adhered to the masonry.
- Carol Snyder and April Daniels discussed potentially updating the COA to include more specific language and final plans in the future. The Committee agreed that the COA should be reviewed and language updated.
- April Daniels moved to adjourn at 5:25 pm, Sarah O'Brien seconded, all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm