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TO: A. Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
FROM: Laura Ansel, Marketing and Engagement Coordinator ^{LA}
CC: Sandy Pfundheller, Parks & Recreation Director
Julie Bellia, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: City Hall Mural Proposal – Art Advisory Board
DATE: December 27, 2021

In August 2021, Neighborhood Development Services proposed that a mural be added to the wall outside the Customer Call Center on the first floor of City Hall and requested consideration of the project by the Art Advisory Board. This item was discussed during the September 14, 2021 meeting (minutes attached) and there was consensus that this could be a great location for a mural. Board members Tony Kelly and Dee Gozion volunteered to support this project through the provision of complimentary artistic services and the donation of interior paint supplies, respectively.

Mr. Kelly brought back a potential look and feel for the board's review at the December 14, 2021 meeting which incorporated the Art Advisory Board themes from their 5-year Public Art Plan. The members in attendance voted unanimously to proceed with the mural as proposed and submit it for City Commission consideration and approval. Facilities Maintenance staff have reviewed the concept and have no concerns. We are requesting this information be shared with City Commissioners, so they may add a presentation of the project concept by Mr. Kelly to an upcoming agenda if desired.

Attachments:
September 14, 2021 Art Advisory Board Minutes
Potential Location – First Floor of City Hall
Proposed Mural – Look and Feel



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Laura Ansel called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Ms. Ansel requested a motion from the Board to elect a Chair Pro-Tem due to the absence of Chair Nicastro and Vice Chair Shelton.

A motion was made by Board Member Gozion, seconded by Board Member Loos, to elect Board Member Kelly as the Chair Pro-Tem. There were no other nominations and the election was closed. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Board Member Loos, Board Member Gozion, Board Member Parkinson, Board Member Kelly and Board Member Roberts

Absent 3 - Chair Nicastro, Vice Chair Shelton and Board Member Schorzmann

Also Present:

Parks & Recreation Marketing and Outreach Coordinator Laura Ansel and Recording Secretary Susan Hale

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. [21-1304](#) Approval of Minutes for the August 10, 2021 Art Advisory Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Gozion, seconded by Board Member Parkinson, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. New Business

A. [21-1436](#) Review of Potential Sculpture Artists to Approach for Quote on the Replacement Sculpture at Corner of Price & Sumter Boulevard. That is Sturdy, Requires Minimal Maintenance, and is More Visible.

Ms. Ansel introduced the item and spoke to the guidelines of choosing an artist, review of the Board's previous discussion and motion, and Chair Nicastro's recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding specifications in connection with a call to artists in Sarasota, outside art sculptures located at the Senior Assisted Living Center near City Hall by an artist from St. Petersburg, artist Lugu Felo from Venice, expanding the bid area but keeping it Florida-based, determining who to send invitations, timeline of receiving responses, limiting the height to 10-12 feet, limiting the bids to \$35,000, a cut-off date of October 8, 2021, suggesting a different path if no artists submit bids, mirroring what Venice did with manatees but with seahorses and mermaids, a temporary public art display for a period of time where artist is responsible for maintenance, and a summary of requests listed to be on the October 8, 2021 meeting.

B. [21-1437](#) Discussion and Possible Action for the Potential North Port Arts Center Reception at City Hall this Fall.

Board Member Gozion stated that one week is insufficient time to organize an art show at City Hall and it was suggested to reschedule a date next Spring.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling the reception on a date certain.

There was a consensus to direct Ms. Ansel to request permission from the City Manager to schedule the North Port Art Center Soiree on February 18, 2021 at City Hall. from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Ansel noted she will email the response from the City Manager's office.

C. [21-1439](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Mural on the First Floor of City Hall.

Ms. Ansel stated that Neighborhood Development Services proposed a mural on the first floor due to the insufficient wall strength to display mandalas, pursuant to Infrastructure and Facilities Operations and Maintenance Manager Chuck Speake.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the alternative area is of interest to the Board and choosing an artist, photos will be sent to the Board of possible interior locations, and Mr. Kelly volunteered to do the mural and will provide examples of his ideas next meeting.

7. Updates

A. [21-1438](#) Update on the North Port Art Center Mural Request at the Building Located at 5950 Sam Shapos Way.

Board Member Gozion provided an overview of the Commission approved mural design by Laura Pucci on Sam Shapos Way, the a change in the Unified Land Development Code lifting art restrictions on buildings, and an update to be provided next month.

8. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda item included a discussion regarding the replacement sculpture on Price and Sumter Boulevards, an update regarding the mural on City Hall's first floor, an update on the skate park.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the artist Josie Boyer is willing to facilitate the project, inviting her to attend the October Board meeting, and working with the North Port Chamber of Commerce or the North Port Art Center to help with a turtles project again.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Pro-Tem Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

By: _____
Jamie Nicasro,
Chair

Minutes were approved at the Art Advisory Board meeting this ____ day of _____, 2021.



Proposed Mural Location

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