

MINUTES

SAND CITY ARTS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6 2020 10:00 A.M.

Sand City Hall, 1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, CA 93955

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY AND IS COMPLIANT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ALLOWING FOR A DEVIATION OF TELECONFERENCE RULES REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting called to order by Chairperson Gregory Hawthorne at 10:04 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Committee Members Present: Chairperson Gregory Hawthorne, Shelby Hawthorne, and Dawn Peters. Absent: Brian Clark. Others: City Manager Aaron Blair and Kristen (KRIMP) Fuentes.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Peters shared that many residents in the Independent are upset over the new tree mural at the corner of Ortiz and Holly.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment.
5. **ORDERS OF BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Private Mural Application 1738 Hickory.**

Blair shared the details of the application, and stated that prior to establishing our public art policy most mural applications were sent to the Design Review Committee (DRC). Before his arrival as City Manager an application was submitted to the City on August 26, 2019, was scheduled to be taken to the DRC, and never made it to Council for a final decision. Blair spoke to the applicant, Kayhan Ghodsi, and he said he was still interested in receiving approval for the proposed mural at 1738 Hickory Street. He shared that a refund for the original DRC application is being processed if not already processed. Blair stated that he has informed the applicant of the new process, and apologized for any past issues related to the mural review.

Hawthorne shared that he had spoken to the artist of design, Suzanne St. John, about the mural. He stated that he felt that the design was well done, and had some interesting features. Hawthorne asked the public if there was any comment on the proposed mural.

Fuentes stated that she lives across the street, and thought the design was well done and supported the application. Because there was no artist(s) listed that would be doing the actual painting, Blair mentioned that he has shared with the applicant that he would be willing to help with finding an artist(s) that could complete the mural if that is the desire of the applicant. He also shared that he had received some calls of concern about the application because of the tree mural the applicant previous painted. After a brief discussion the committee felt that it would be important to know who is going to paint the mural because of its complexity and size. There was a brief discussion about the ground floor tenant and their sign on the building. Peters said it would probably be best to get sign off from the tenant because of the sign, and because of some controversy around the tree mural. Blair said he will ask the tenant if they are OK with the mural.

The Committee recommended that the application be sent to the City Council with a recommendation to approve the mural subject to the applicant providing the City with the artist(s) who will be painting the mural.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Peters and seconded by Hawthorne, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.