




MEMORANDUM

Date: January 11, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress
City Manager 

From: Katie P. Halloran
Planning Director

Subject: A request for approval of a mural by Brandon Vessels and Micky Maddux on the west wall at 513-515 Fleming Street.

Introduction

The owners of 513 -515 Fleming Street are requesting approval for a mural to be painted on the west wall of a two-story concrete building. According to the Certificate of Appropriateness application, the mural will be a memorial to Jimmy Buffet.

Background

A Certificate of Appropriateness application (H2023-0039) was submitted to the Historic Architectural Review Commission (HARC) for a mural with dimensions of approximately 60 feet wide by 31 feet in height. The proposed mural will be located on the west wall of the building and will be visible from Fleming and Duval Streets. The west wall has only one window and faces a driveway that gives access to the rear of 431 Duval Street.

Although this is not a project related to Art in Public Places (AIPP), the proposal was shared with the AIPP Board. An email on record from the AIPP administrator, Elizabeth Young, states "*that the proposed design was not well received by 4 of the AIPP members.*"

On October 30, 2023, HARC members approved the location of the proposed mural and no content was reviewed or considered by the Commissioners. City Commission Resolution 90-430 establishes that once HARC approval has been obtained, murals must also be approved by the City Commission. Also the resolution establishes that the property owner will be required to post a bond to cover maintenance and/or removal.



Current photograph of where the mural is proposed.



Photoshop of mural.

The mural will be in honor of Jimmy Buffett and will depict his face and some tropical flora and birds. The artwork will be over a dark base and light color tones will create the images. A parrot with bright

colors will be the only multicolor feature. The artists of the project are Micky Maddux and Brandon Vessels. They will be using outdoor grade spray paint and will finish the mural with anti-graffiti coating.

Maintenance will include coating every two years to maintain the mural's appearance and prevent fading or peeling. The owners have secured support from their neighboring property as the artists will require permission to paint the mural from their property and observers may enter their driveway.



Proposed mural.

About the Artists

Micky Maddux is a recognized international artist with 30 years of experience creating and selling art. She is a third-generation professional artist. She specializes in custom art pieces utilizing different mediums including pottery, artistic furniture, large scale custom sculptures, live art, among others. She sold her first painting at age 12.

Brandon Vessels is a prolific artist known for his mastery of mural painting. Over a decade of experience, he has painted over 100 murals. His work extends internationally and has won numerous juried art competitions. He has performed artwork in real-time at music festivals. He donated a mural work during the George Floyd riots.

Procurement

This mural will be painted on private property and associated costs will be paid by the owners. There will be no cost to the city.

Recommendation

The Historic Architectural Review Commission approved the location of the mural, but not its content, at the October 30, 2023, public meeting. Resolution 99-430 establishes that once HARC approval has been obtained, murals must also be approved by the City Commission. The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the proposed location of the mural only and not its content.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A – Certificate of Appropriateness Signed by Presiding Chairman