



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 8, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Todd Stoughton
Interim City Manager

From: Katie P. Halloran
Planning Director

Subject: File 24-5925 - A request for approval of a mural by Sean P. Callahan and David Fortuna on the south walls at 255 Trumbo Road.

Introduction

The developers of the housing project located at 255 Trumbo Road are requesting approval for the installation of four murals, all to be installed in the south elevation of the newly built complex. The proposed murals are part of the Art in Public Places program, as required under the Land Development Regulations.

Background

On August 2, 2022, the City Commission approved Resolution 22-161 granting Major Development Plan approval for 24 affordable housing residential units and a one-story nonresidential structure located at 255 Trumbo Road. Conditions for the development plan included the approval of a Public Art Plan. On March 20, 2024, the Art in Public Places Advisory Board approved the submitted plan that included four murals on the south elevation of the building and facing the Steamplant Condominium.

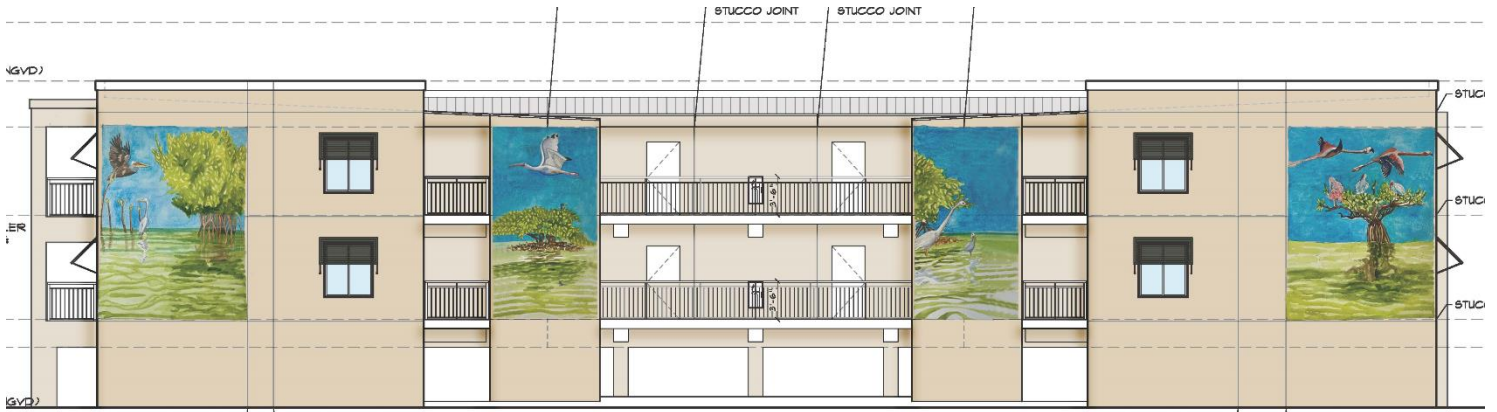
Pursuant to the Historic Architectural Guidelines, which are adopted by ordinance, murals proposed within the historic district shall obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness and, if approved, must also be approved by the City Commission.

On May 28, 2024, the Historic Architectural Review Commission granted Certificate of Appropriateness H2024-0019 for the location of the murals. Murals will be painted directly on the walls by Sean P. Callahan and David Fortuna. The two largest murals will be fourteen feet wide by seventeen feet tall while the smaller murals will be approximately ten feet wide by seventeen feet tall.

The murals will depict flora and birds found in the keys.



Mural's locations.



Rendering of proposed murals.



Mural 1.



Mural 2.



Mural 3.



Mural 4.

Although the sketches were done in watercolors the final product will look more than these paintings:



About the Artists- Sean Callahan and David Fortuna

Sean Callahan is a recognized watercolor artist, art teacher and muralist that lives in Key West. He was a watercolor professor at The Studios of Key West and currently teaches private watercolor lessons and workshops around the country. He had painted many murals in Key West, including the Orchid Resort, Poinciana Royale, HR Monroe and in private homes. His mural work can also be seen in the Bahamas.

David Fortuna is an artist, muralist, wedding officiant and gardener that lives in Vermont. He has done scenic designs for many theater and opera productions. Many of his paintings and artwork are part of private collections.

Procurement

The murals will be installed on private property and associated costs will be paid by the owners. There will be no cost to the city.

Recommendation

The proposed design has been presented to and approved by the Art in Public Places Advisory Board and the Historic Architectural Review Commission.

Art in Public Places – March 20, 2024 – Approved
Historic Architectural Review Commission – May 28, 2024 - Approved

The City Manager’s Office and the Planning Department respectfully recommend the Mayor and Commission approve the proposed murals.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A - Certificate of Appropriateness Signed by Presiding Chairman

Exhibit B - Historic Architectural Guidelines for Murals