

MINUTES
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS
Historic District Commission

The Emergency meeting of the Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hot Springs Municipal Building, 133 Convention Boulevard, with Chairman Long Hua Xu presiding.

Roll Call

Present: Chairman Long Hua Xu, Commissioner Gary Jackson, Commissioner James Gray & Commissioner Clyde Covington

Absent: Commissioner Mary Francis Moore

Staff: Rick Stauder, Planning Manager

Chairman Long Hua Xu called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Planning Manager, Rick Stauder, mentioned that with a special or emergency meeting, the previous minutes would not be considered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Webb Community Center Mural
127 Pleasant St
Request for Certificate of Appropriateness on painting a mural on the Webb Community Center building (HDC-18-0129)

Chairman Long Hua Xu asked staff to introduce the item. Mr. Stauder stated that the applicant, the Gateway Community Association, representing property owner Webb Community Center, seeks Certificate of Appropriateness application approval to install a mural on the south facing wall of the Webb Community Center located at 127 Pleasant Street. The subject property is zoned C-TR (Commercial Transitional District) and is located in Board of Directors District #2.

The proposed mural artist is Rashawn McNary, a native of Hot Springs and Lakeside High School student. The mural artist is to be mentored and supervised by Mr. Giuseppe Percivati, the artist who recently completed the Hot Springs National Park Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Mural and the Garvan Gardens Mural in downtown Hot Springs. The mural would be placed on the portion of the building already painted. Mr. Stauder stated that the reason for the this meeting is in fact because Mr. Giuseppe Percivati will be leaving the country within a week, so in order to accommodate this request, which would

not be able to make our regular scheduled meeting, we have called this emergency meeting, and he thanked everyone for making time on such short notice.

Mr. Stauder stated that the applicant and his representative are present to speak on the request, and asked they come to the floor, state their name and address for the record. Jean Lacefield, the president of the Gateway Community Association, came to the floor and stated that this will be a wonderful opportunity for the young artist, Rashawn McNary and our community. Mary Zunic, with the A & P, also came to the floor to speak in favor of the request and she stated that the blank wall that is to be used for the mural, actually had an old mural of children underneath, which had deteriorated over time and was painted over. Mr. Toth also present and spoke in favor, as far as the Gateway Community.

Mr. Stauder stated that there is lots of information in the commission's packets on this project, including two items, one of which is a letter from Mr. William Watkins, the executive director of the Webb Community Center, who stated that they would agree to maintain the mural, as well as an email from Arts Advisory Committee on their approval in an emergency meeting. Staff is recommending approval with two conditions:

1. An anti-graffiti treatment be applied to the mural.
2. The City of Hot Springs assumes no responsibility for maintenance of the mural.

Mr. Stauder stated that if there are no more questions for the applicant or the representative, or anyone in the audience, we will close the public portion, and differed to Chairman Long Hua Xu and it was asked if there was a motion to approve with staff recommendation and conditions. Commissioner Clyde Covington motions to approve the request and Commissioner Gary Jackson seconds, there is no discussion on the motion, and roll is called for approval, to which the motion is carried with a unanimous vote. (For- 4, Against- 0, Absent-1, Abstain-0)

Report: Mr. Stauder stated that there was nothing for the report to announce at this time.

Adjourn: Commissioner Gary Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Chairman James Gray. The motion carried with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.
(For- 4, Against- 0, Absent-1, Abstain-0)



Chairman Long Hua Xu