



Madison Station Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of the May 2, 2019 Special Called Meeting

The meeting convened in the Madison Municipal Complex, Planning and Building Conference Room, 100 Hughes Road, Madison, Alabama 35758. Commission Chairman Charles Nola called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Commission Members

Charles Nola, Chairman	Present
Dennis Vaughn, Vice-Chairman	Present
Cindi Sanderson, Historic Liaison	Present
Elbert Balch	Present
Larry Anderson	Present
Cindy Sensenberger	Present
Gerald Clark	Present

City Staff

Sherry Williams, Assistant Planner and Board Secretary

Registered Public Attendees

John T. Seaton; Tina Clark

Public Comment

Chairman Nola opened the floor to public comment for non-agenda items. There being no public comment, Chairman Nola closed the floor to public comment.

Approval of minutes

Chairman Nola stated that the minutes would be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

The following Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness were presented for public review but not for public hearing or comment.

1. 2019-COA-004 – 212 Main Street, Mural

Board Secretary Sherri Williams presented photographs of the property and the wall on which the applicant has begun drawing the mural. She stated that the current design review guidelines do not have review criteria for murals and that she read guidelines for cities throughout the country, for direction. She provided copies of guidelines for the cities of Anniston, Alabama, Great Falls, Montana and Key West, Florida and stated that common to all the guidelines were the need for proper location, preparation, application and maintenance. She also provided Mural Creation Best Practices published by the American Institute for Conservation. She stated that, based on her research, she requested information from the applicant. She further stated that Tina Clark, president of the Madison Arts Council, was invited to the meeting to participate in the discussion.

Todd Seaton presented his request and stated that he was requesting a COA to paint a mural on the south wall of the building at 212 Main Street. He stated that he has been working on this project for two years, consulting with Lowe Mill and collaborating with Sullivan Street Pottery. He stated that the James Clemens High School Art Department was going to participate but have since pulled out until fall, the 2019 school year. He will speak with them once school starts back.

The mural will be Zen-Tangle style with images of the state bird, state mammal, state freshwater fish and other images significant to Madison including the steam train, a Main Street sign and Saturn V Rocket. He wants it to be a piece of art that contributes to the downtown area. The existing paint on the wall will serve as primer and the other paints will be donated by Sherwin-Williams and the students will mix it on site. He stated that he will consult with the Art Department about applying a topcoat, if needed. He stated he has not discussed a maintenance plan with the art teacher.

Tina Clark stated that there are specific types of products for outdoor murals, not regular paint bought in paint stores, such as latex paint. If the proper primer and paint is not used, the mural will not last.

Sherri Williams stated that consideration needs to be given to the location of murals. For instance, it would not be appropriate to paint a mural on the unpainted brick surface of an historic structure. She asked the applicant to confirm his plans for other murals in the area and he stated that a mural was planned for the brick building located on Garner Street. Larry Anderson stated that the building belongs to him and that he has not been consulted about a mural and does not intend to let anyone paint a mural on the building.

Board members discussed the desire to have historic images included, since it is in the Historic District.

Gerald Clark stated that the guidelines for Anniston provide good information that will be useful for Madison.

Commission members stated that the application should be tabled to allow the applicant time to gather more information and to allow the Commission to draft and adopt review guidelines for murals. Sherri Williams asked that Commission members review the guidelines for Anniston and the Murals Best Practices documents and provide her with mark-ups so that she could prepare a first draft.

Chairman Nola then called for a motion.

Motion: Elbert Balch moved to continue the application until the July meeting, to allow applicant additional time to gather the required information. Gerald Clark seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Elbert Balch	Aye
Dennis Vaughn	Aye
Larry Anderson	Aye
Charles Nola	Aye
Cindi Sanderson	Aye
Cindy Sensenberger	Aye
Gerald Clark	Aye

Motion Carried.

Other Business
(Members of the Public)

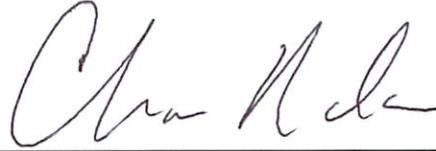
Chairman Nola opened the floor to members of the public having other business to bring before the Commission. There being none, Chairman Nola closed the floor.

Other Items for Discussion
(Commission members and City staff)

Chairman Nola opened the floor to Commission members and City Staff having other items for discussion. There being no further items for discussion, Chairman Nola closed the floor.

Adjournment

With no other business before the Commission, Chairman Nola adjourned the meeting at 7:06p.m.



**Approved: Charles Nola, Chairman
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Attest: Sherri Williams, Board Secretary