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HISTORIC SITE & MONUMENT COMMISSION

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
January 5, 2017 4:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 5, 2017 HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

HDRB Members Present: Eli Karatassos, Chair
Thomas Gensheimer, Vice-Chair
Dolores Engle
Dr. Nicholas Henry
Ryan Madson
Kristopher Monroe

MPC Staff Present: Ellen Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation
Sara Farr, Historic Preservation Planner
Mary E. Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. [Order and Welcome](#)

Mr. Karatassos called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He outlined the role of the Historic Site and Monument Commission.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2. [Approve December 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [12-01-2016 Minutes.pdf](#)

Board Action:

The Savannah Historic Site and Monument
Commission does hereby approve the Meeting - PASS
Minutes of December 1, 2016.

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Gensheimer	
Second: Ryan Madson	
Dolores Engle	- Aye
Thomas Gensheimer	- Aye
Dr. Nicholas Henry	- Aye
Eli Karatassos	- Aye
Ryan Madson	- Aye
Kristopher Monroe	- Aye

III. Regular Agenda

3. [Petition of Clinton Edminister | 16-006918-PA | 2423-2425 De Soto Avenue | Mural](#)

Attachment: [Staff Recommendation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Submittal Package.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Map.pdf](#)

Mr. Clinton Edminister was present on behalf of the petition.

Ms. Sara Farr gave the staff report. The petitioner is requesting approval for a mural at 2423-2425 De Soto Avenue. The mural will be located on a wall and will depict four species of native bees. Ms. Farr stated that the petitioner provided the following information: The theme of the mural is to celebrate bees native to Georgia that contribute to the pollination of many of our fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Bees are incredibly diverse, with 3500 different species in North America alone, four of which will be depicted in the mural. Much of today's agriculture relies on a single bee species – the honeybee – but there are many native species that provide effective pollination. This mural will celebrate not only the native bees that are incredibly important to Georgia and all the plants they help pollinate, but celebrate biodiversity as a whole. Mason Bees, Mining Bees, Sweat Bees, and Squash Bees are the four bees that the artist will depict.

Ms. Farr reported that staff recommends approval of the mural at 2423-2425 De Soto Avenue with the condition that a protective coating is specified, because otherwise it meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

PETITIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Edminister thanked the HSMC for hearing their petition.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Gensheimer asked Mr. Edminister if Starland and he were doing this mural.

Mr. Edminister answered that Benjamin Moore Paint Company has contracted with the artist, Ms. Mary Lacy to paint ten murals in various states in the United States. Ms. Lacy has previous experience painting murals and has completed art residencies. She travels to various cities to complete murals and other projects. Ms. Lacy's grandmother lives in Savannah.

Board Action:

The Historic Site and Monument Commission does hereby approve a mural at 2423-2425 De Soto Avenue with the condition that a protective coating is specified, because otherwise it meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Dr. Nicholas Henry

Second: Kristopher Monroe

Dolores Engle - Aye

Thomas Gensheimer - Aye

Dr. Nicholas Henry - Aye

Eli Karatassos - Aye

Ryan Madson - Aye

Kristopher Monroe - Aye

IV. Other Business

4. [Commissioner Items](#)

5. [Next Meeting - Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, MPC, 112 E. State Street](#)

V. Adjournment

6. [Adjourned](#)

There being no further business to come before the HSMC, Mr. Karatassos adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Harris, Director
Urban Planning and Historic Preservation

EIH:mem

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