

**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
June 20, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
100 Avenida Presidio
San Clemente, CA 92672**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brown called the Study Session of the Planning Commission of the City of San Clemente to order at 6:03 p.m. in City Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jim Ruehlin, Michael Smith, Zhen Wu, Chair pro tem Michael Blackwell, Vice Chair Barton Crandell, Chair Donald Brown

Commissioners Absent: Jason Talley

Staff Present: Sheri Vander Dussen, Interim City Planner
Amy Stonich, Contract Planner
Carl Stiehl, Senior Planner
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

A. Study Session (#4) for Murals and Painted Signs (Stonich)

In response to City Council direction, the Planning Commission has held three study sessions to consider options to regulate murals and painted signs on private property. The City's current practice is in need of an update to reflect current case law. The purpose of the study session is to present recommendations to regulate painted signs and murals based on input gathered at past sessions. A hearing to consider a code amendment incorporating the Commission's recommendations is scheduled for July 18, 2018.

Amy Stonich, Contract Planner, narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Private Property Murals and Painted Signs, Study Session 4," dated June 20, 2018. A copy of the Presentation is on file in Planning Division. She requested the Commission review the proposed Zoning Amendment and provide direction to staff.

COMMISSION COMMENT

During Discussion the Commissioners, either individually or in agreement, provided the following commentary:

- Supported the definition of mural as presented with the revision to remove “painted or” in the first sentence.
- Approved of the checklist as presented with minor revision. Suggested that the term “graffiti” could be removed from the checklist and that there should be an exception to the two year term as determined by the City Planner.
- Commented that establishment of a Funded Arts Program might require removal of another program due to staffing/budget constraints.
- Supported a 2-year timeframe for public mural permits.
- Due to its ability to be impactful and add character, supported measures to ensure artwork is integrated into the subject building and natural landscape.
- Supported establishment of a public program/oversight committee.
- Commented on potential need for oversight during the mural approval process, especially with regard to cultural styles/customs.
- Suggested different requirements for different districts within the City might need to be developed in the future.
- Suggested the establishment of a larger program similar to the one in the City of Santa Cruz in the future.
- Noted that historic structures may need a different standard or review process.
- Supported review of the program in 2-3 years after adoption of the new regulations.
- Suggested the business/property owner should restore the artwork surface to its previous condition once artwork is removed.

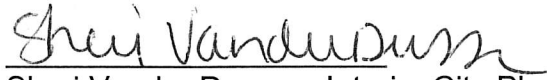
RECESS – The Commission recessed until the start of the Regular Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald Brown, Chair

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheri Vander Dussen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sheri Vander Dussen, Interim City Planner