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**CITY OF CONDON
WORK SESSION AGENDA
AUGUST 9 2023 HTAC
Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 5:30 PM
CONDON CITY HALL**

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Members - Mayor Jim Hassing; Councilors Dustan Hall & Jeremy Kirby; Residents - Stephen Allen & K'Lynn Lane

Present: Mayor Jim Hassing, Councilors Dustan Hall and Jeremy Kirby; Stephen Allen and K'Lynn Lane; Staff - City Administrator Kathryn Greiner

Mayor Hassing called the Historic Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DISCUSS MURALS IN HISTORIC DISTRICT

2.1. City of Condon Ordinance - Historic District Murals & Sample Ordinance

CA Greiner explained that the purpose of this HTAC is noted in the ordinance that was emailed to all members reviewing planning issues in Condon Historic District. The committee was brought together to discuss a request to place a mural by Allen for the Condon Arts Council on the Sweeney building of two steelhead fish. At this time, there was no route for a mural of that size to be approved by the city. If the committee wants to review murals of that size, there needs to be a change in the current City of Condon Code of Ordinances. Murals are allowed in the Historic District, but fall under review by the HTAC and the regulations of the city's sign ordinance which limits the size to a maximum of 200 square feet. The planning commission is charged with making sure the applicant adheres to city code and to allow murals, a new ordinance would need to be developed. Part of the ordinance would include location, size, maintenance, if a public art easement is needed, what materials or colors are allowed.

Lane asked if the square footage requirement could be a series of panels. Allen stated that other cities had requirements, such as Toledo and a committee within the City of Portland. HTAC discussed having the artist be qualified or having experience of murals to do the work. Mayor Hassing asked if the proposed mural could be expanded to include portions of where the steelhead resides on the river with rocks and plants. Allen stated that he liked the simplicity of the design permitted and that the artist is available this fall at an affordable price.

Discussion of location - of just in Condon's Historic District and if the murals would not be allowed on buildings on the national register or a primary/contributing building in the district. This would exclude M&A Building (the only building on the National Register), Hotel Condon, NCESD, Condon Local, The Times-Journal, Jamieson & Marshall and several other vacant buildings. Also discussed was having the artist show previous mural work, having complimentary colors in district and size (full wall, not wrap around corners). HTAC members discussed the necessity of public input, specifically the Gilliam County Historical Society.

It was the consensus of the HTAC to direct CA Greiner to draft a Public Art & Mural ordinance in the next week to allow the planning commission to review it at their meeting next week and a draft to go to the council at their September 6 meeting.

3. OTHER

None

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Hassing adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.