

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2017
REGULAR MEETING
GREEN COVE SPRINGS PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**



CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Green Cove Springs Planning and Zoning Board was held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Chairman Haddock called the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Ed Gaw
Robert Lewis
Sara Spurrier
Marilyn Haddock, Chairman

Staff Members Present: L.J. Arnold, III, City Attorney
Janis Fleet, Development Services Director
Kimberley Farnsworth, Development Services Rep.

Board Members Absent: Henrietta Francis, Vice-Chairman

Staff Members Absent: Danielle Judd, City Manager

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER LEWIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017 WITH CHANGES STATED BY CHAIRMAN HADDOCK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SPURRIER. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – BOARD MEMBERS GAW, LEWIS, SPURRIER, AND CHAIRMAN HADDOCK. NAYS – NONE.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Fleet gave a brief history on the ordinance.

- The murals do not involve the city, they are between the business owner and the artist.
- The City Council will have to approve the design and content of each mural.
- Property owner is responsible for maintaining the mural.
- When application for mural is submitted it needs to state mural or will be considered a sign.

Chairman Haddock opened the public hearing.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 110-5. "EXEMPT SIGNS", TO EXEMPT CERTAIN CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MURALS FROM THE SIGN REGULATIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairman Haddock closed the public hearing.

Mr. Gaw suggested the ownership of the mural be figured out at time of application. Mr. Arnold responded by saying that would be between the artist and the business owner. He also stated the property owner is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the murals.

Mr. Lewis inquired if the City would be able to reproduce the mural. Ms. Fleet said they would not, it is just a single painting. The murals would be for commercial businesses only and not residential.

Ms. Haddock stated she has questions about the guideline for the mural. She inquired if there was a size restriction to which Ms. Fleet stated there is not. Ms. Haddock also suggested that the murals only represent the city's history and natural resources. Mr. Arnold responded by saying that having very specific criteria is a good but it may be challenging when it comes to art.

Mr. Gaw stated he would like to have seen an artist at the hearing. Ms. Fleet reminded the Board that they are not endorsing any specific artist or design but they are just voting on the ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER SPURRIER TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 110-5. "EXEMPT SIGNS", TO EXEMPT CERTAIN CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MURALS FROM THE SIGN REGULATIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER LEWIS. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL: AYES – BOARD MEMBERS GAW, LEWIS, SPURRIER, AND CHAIRMAN HADDOCK. NAYS – NONE.

BOARD DISCUSSION / COMMENTS

Ms. Spurrier asked about the amendments on the ballot for the upcoming election. Mr. Arnold stated they have a canvassing board, similar to the City Council who decides on the wording.

Mr. Gaw had questions regarding a previous agenda item relating to the road closure of Rossland Court.

Ms. Haddock mentioned that today is the first day of the 2017 Clay County Agricultural Fair.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Fleet invited the Board to attend the "Future of the Gateway Corridor" visioning session on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 10:00 am. The community as well as the City Council are also invited to attend. She stated there would be flyers sent out in the mail and it would also be posted on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning and Zoning Board, this meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Marilyn Haddock, Chairman

Janis K. Fleet, AICP
Development Services Director